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BRITISH NAVY ACCOMPLISHES SOME OF ITS GREATEST WORK Destroys German Convoys Despite Almost Incessant Dive-Bombing By Stukas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, May 23.—The fate of Crete depends very largely on the result of the great battle for supremacy between air and naval strength now being fought in the confined waters between Cape Matapan and Suda Bay.

For three days and nights, the Royal Navy has defeated all attempts of the Germans to send reinforcements and especially equipment across the 60-mile channel.

An attempt to run the blockade during the night was heavily defeated, two large transports, a destroyer and a large number of caiques (Greek boats) being sunk.

THINGS GOING WELL ON THE WHOLE

Desperate Fighting on Crete

CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—"Apart from Malemi, things have gone well on the whole," said a military spokesman to-day, reviewing the latest position in Crete.

The spokesman revealed that Australians are fighting in Crete and they had paid tribute to the Greeks and Cretans, saying how proud they are to fight beside them in view of their splendid achievements in Greece.

Our Subs Sink Enemy Vessels

Big Troopship And Tanker

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—British submarines have sunk a troopship and a tanker and probably a destroyer on the line of the enemy's communications to Libya.

An Admiralty communique announcing these achievements says: "Further success has been reported by our submarines operating against the enemy's sea communication to Libya."

"A troopship of 9,000 tons has been sunk and a tanker of about 7,000 tons has also been sunk. An Italian destroyer has been hit by torpedo and it is considered probable that she was sunk."

"A large schooner of the type used by the enemy for carrying ammunition has been sunk, and a somewhat smaller schooner has been shelled while at anchor and hit several times."

The spokesman said that fierce fighting was still proceeding, both sides using mainly tommy-guns, machine-guns and mortars.

The Allies are using tanks and hand-grenades, but there is no evidence that the Germans have landed any tanks or motor-cycle combinations such as they used in Flanders.

The spokesman explained that fighting is centred on four main points—Heraklion, Retimo, Canica and Malemi, the last-named being an aerodrome site a few miles to the west of Canica.

Enemy Have Aerodrome
The position at Malemi, where heavy fighting has occurred, is still indeterminate. The spokesman said that the enemy had sufficient ground to enable him to land aircraft, which he was doing, but the aerodrome was under Allied fire and was being constantly attacked.

With the tide of battle swaying to and fro, it is still difficult to forecast the outcome at Malemi, added the spokesman.

There was still a good possibility that the enemy would be thrown out from the aerodrome.

The spokesman affirmed that there had been no landings of the enemy by sea.

Confused Situation

Describing the situation as confused, the spokesman said that it was by no means certain that a whole air division had been landed, still less landed intact.

German tactics had consisted of showering down troops at various points, but the only point at which

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A Greek caique or fishing smack is a double-ended craft with a collapsible mast, which is usually rowed by five to eight oarsmen. It would be extremely useful for transporting men and munitions, but could not carry even the smallest tank.

Not daunted by the disastrous result of the night attempt, a fleet of transports yesterday attempted the passage in daylight under the protection of aircraft. It was scattered by the Navy and that loss was inflicted is evidenced by the fact that Italian ships were seen picking up survivors.

SHIGEMITSU IS CALLED HOME

Assurance to Mr Butler

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr Shigemitsu has been ordered to

enplane for Tokyo immediately

for consultation.

It is recalled that Ambassador

Shigemitsu wished to see Mr

Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister,

during the latter's European

visit, but his hurried return to

Tokyo prevented the meeting.

It is learned that Mr Shigemitsu

will possibly return to Japan via the

United States.

He called on Mr R. A. Butler,

Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs

this afternoon and informed him,

and added his assurance that his

departure did not signify any

impairment in Anglo-Japanese

relations, nor was it the forerunner of a

break.

LATEST

Resident's Death Mr John Suiter

Mr John Ross Suiter, an old resident of the Colony and manager of The Pharmacy, died at the Kowloon Hospital last night, after having been ill for about 10 days. He was 57 years of age.

The late Mr Suiter came from Mervyn, England, in 1907, when he joined the firm of Messrs A. S. Watson and Company Ltd. His father was a captain of a sailing vessel.

After staying with Watsons for a while, Mr. Suiter left to join A. S. Watson and Company in Tientsin, where he stayed for three years before leaving to join The Pharmacy under Doctor To, and has been there for the last 24 years.

Mr Suiter leaves two sons, Jackie and Tommy, who is with the Bank Line (China) Ltd. His wife died about two years ago, and he has not been in very good health since. Another relative in the Colony is Mr W. H. B. Muakett, brother-in-law. Two sisters, one a schoolteacher, are in Sydney, Australia.

Obviously the Navy could not follow up the victory by chasing the transports to their lairs in the narrow inland waters of the Aegean. The job of the Navy is not easy as it has to fight in comparatively close proximity to the shore where the enemy have large numbers of dive-bombers available and where the scene is too far distant for British fighter planes to operate.

Moreover, the enclosed waters around Crete are highly disadvantageous for aircraft-carriers and planes from the latter would in any case achieve little in the face of the large forces of land-based aircraft being used by the Germans.

On the island despite the German air strength, the British troops seem to be showing up splendidly against the paratroops who have already suffered heavy losses.

Like Swarms of Locusts
Paratroops are still being dropped like swarms of locusts and inevitably they establish footholds in more than one district.

But undoubtedly the Germans will also make further attempts to run the blockade as the only means whereby supplies can be delivered to the air-borne troops.

On the question of British troops receiving reinforcements, it must be recalled that the latter would have to be landed in the face of almost unopposed dive-bombing.

Without Precedent
LONDON, May 23.—The British Navy is fighting a battle without precedent in the narrow and dangerous waters which surround the island of Crete.

It is certain that never before has there been such a grim struggle between naval forces and air forces, and still it remains true that until to-night British ships and their crews have undergone such a tremendous ordeal have prevented any German from landing by sea on the shores of the island.

What is almost equally important is that the Royal Navy has also prevented, during the first three days of this momentous battle, any stores of arms or ammunition being landed from enemy ships upon the island.

Continuous Dive-Bombing
When the time comes to tell the full story of this aeroplane versus warship action in the Aegean, it will be of the endurance of British sailors against almost incessant dive-bombing by forces of German Stukas which are probably larger than any others engaged during the whole course of the war.

The Navy is working night and day in confined waters never far from land, rarely out of range of enemy shore-based aircraft and without that fighter protection which in the most of the world is taken for granted.

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Full Story Of Daring British Navy Exploits

Nazi Troopships Rammed By Cruisers and Destroyers

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet)

ALEXANDRIA, May 23 (Reuter).—"We sank them with 4-inch guns and pom-poms. Cruisers and destroyers rammed them. The sea was full of thousands of Germans clinging to wreckage and shouting for help. The havoc we wrought was so great that no German managed to land in Crete that night."

Gayda Foresees U. S. Entry Into The War

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, May 23 (UP).—Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" to-day declares that responsible statesmen of the United States are doing their utmost to find a pretext to present to the American people as a justification for immediate intention in the European conflict.

Accusing Secretaries Knox and Stimson as being most responsible for dragging the United States towards war, Signor Gayda stated: "It is now clear that the United States men mongers who have not been able to get the United States into the war because of increased anti-interventionism, are exerting efforts to find a pretext to justify immediate intervention in the conflict."

The search is difficult, however, because the pretext must mask the offensive intentions of Washington and presenting them to the American people as necessary defensive measures.

The two military Ministers, Knox and Stimson are the principal backers of Roosevelt's bellicose intentions, and they have taken up again the old story of freedom of the seas, using it as a key to open the door for American intervention. Liberty of the seas, according to these responsible statesmen, means freedom to send aid and supplies to the British without running the risk of being sunk by the Axis."

Sacrifices Needed
WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—In a speech here this evening, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, declared that the United States must be prepared to make sacrifices "that match any sacrifices made by any generation of Americans that have gone before us. It is not going to be easy to defeat this thing that is abroad in the world. It is im-



16-year-old Heroine

This is Miss Evelyn Harmar, a 16-year-old heroine of a Nazi blitz raid on Southampton. She won the O.B.E. Medal for courage and devotion to duty in the raid when she continued to stand by her telephone switchboard at the Phoenix Wharf and Coal Company's office throughout an intense daylight raid. Miss Harmar has since married an R.A.F. pilot.

Deposed Iraq Regent Returns: Coup Planned

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It was learned authoritatively in London to-night that the Regent of Iraq, Emir Abdul Ilah, has returned to Iraq and is now considering the formation of a new government.

The Regent's whereabouts are being kept a close secret and an announcement of his new government will be made as soon as the situation in Iraq has been clarified.

So far as is known at the moment, the rebel leader, Raschid Ali, is still in Iraq, but it is not expected that organised resistance to Great Britain will continue much longer.

It was only yesterday that the British Government announced the appointment of Mr Gerald do Guay as Charge d'Affaires to the Emir pending the re-establishment of communications with the British Ambassador in Baghdad.

Muslims Condemn Usurper
SINGAPORE, May 23 (Reuter).—The Muslim ruler, the Nawab of Ram-

pur, has denounced the "stupendous folly and reckless ambition of a usurper and quisling" in referring to the Iraqi rebellion in a statement.

"Raschid Ali's treachery," declared the Nawab, "has come as a great shock to all Moslems. The independence of Iraq was gained with the help of the British, not forgetting the contribution made by India and her people. That hard-earned independence is now in grave danger. By admitting the Axis into the very heart of the Middle East, Raschid Ali has jeopardised the security of all the surrounding Moslem countries."

"There are a thousand and one patches of holy and sacred ground in Iraq dear to all Moslem of the world. In the name of God, the Prophet and his family, I raise my voice in protest against the sacrilege and treachery of which Raschid Ali has been guilty."

U. S. Neutrality Bill May Be Repealed

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, Mr Sol Bloom, to-day stated that he is prepared to open immediate hearings for a revision of the Neutrality Act if "Administration officials show that we have a clear need for repeal."

He asserted that he has planned early conferences with Secretaries Stimson, Knox and Hull of the War, Navy and State Departments respectively.

In the Senate, Senator Josh Lee urged the Administration to declare a full state of war emergency, asserting that the isolationists have "shot the deadly cocaine of appeasement into the muscles of national defense."

He declared that General Robert Woods, of the "America First Committee" should be re-labelled, "Committee to Aid Hitler."

The Senate unanimously approved and sent to the White House a bill empowering the Government to impose drastic priorities for civil purposes whenever necessary on behalf of the Army and Navy.

The Senate also unanimously approved legislation empowering the Commodities Credit Corporation to acquire title to all cotton in which the Government has loaned money since 1940 and previous crops and withhold it from commercial channels until the end of the war.

The War Department has requested civilians to donate 200,000 half pint units of blood to establish a reserve for transfusion to "meet military emergencies and also succor the wounded in civilian catastrophes."

The American Red Cross is authorized to enroll donors.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Line of light
- Part of man
- Announcement
- Continent
- Line of forearm
- Growth on body
- Youths
- Sliver in Italy
- Sliver
- Pinkish
- Delicate
- Priggle
- Reverend
- Ren (poetic)
- Rocky
- Upset
- Announcement
- Black
- Period of time
- Positions in golf
- Unpleasant
- Supporter of party
- Chipping
- Wrestling holds
- Adam's son
- Precious stone
- Sheep's fleece
- Network
- Strong
- Man's name
- Chipping tools

DOWN

- Pat
- Leave
- Save
- Don of Isaac
- Assault
- Overcome
- Dawn
- Walks wearily
- In addition
- Part of throat
- Gain
- Trigonometric
- Tail
- Of New World
- Boy's name
- Strikebreaker
- Overrun
- Gen. Mills
- Glitter
- Product of farm
- Without (French)
- Hotbed
- Takes from head
- Boy's name
- Grain fungi
- Respond
- Blind
- Brazilian city
- Wild goat
- Man's nickname
- Soft mud
- Norwegian
- Thin strip of wood
- More muscles

KNIGHTS of the BLITZKRIEG

On duty and off, Britain's Men do Deeds of Daring

By Guy Ramsey

A new Order of Chivalry has been instituted. Its members do not dress in robes of velvet nor wear chains and stars on their coats. Not even a ribbon marks their eminence. The King does not invest them. In fact they have no official status, and their "night-hood" is conferred merely by the acclaim of comrades. But they are true Knights Errant all the same. They are called—The Knights of the Blitzkrieg.

This rag-time body of men are members of the regular forces. But their exploits do not come within the orbit of their duties. To be a Knight of the Blitzkrieg a man must do some heroic action when he is on leave.

For example, two men of the Royal Engineers, out on midnight pass, were caught in a heavy air-raid. They turned themselves for a few hours into A.R.P. men and rescued half a dozen men and women from a blazing building. They are now Knights of the Blitzkrieg.

There are a good many people who could qualify as Knights of the Blitzkrieg on sheer merit and sheer performance; but civilians, and servicemen carrying out their regular duties, are barred.

Small Body: Great Heart

Jackie Reynolds lives in Birmingham. He is 18 years old, not very strong, rather below average size. He is an A.R.P. messenger.

When a house was wrecked by a high explosive bomb, eight people were trapped in the cellar. The rescue squad came along and young Reynolds was with them in case they wanted to send a message for more help.

The house had fallen in such a way that the far end of the cellar was unapproachable, while the near end was blocked. A loose beam had swung across the entrance leaving only a narrow opening. If the beam were removed, the entire front of the house would fall into the small space by means of which the victims were breathing.

But the opening was so small that an ordinary man could not get through. To enter at all was to risk one's life—for there was no knowing when the beam would fall. Jackie Reynolds volunteered for the job.

He wriggled through the opening while the rest of the squad tried to widen the space. He found six of the eight trapped people.

Three of them—small in build—he guided to safety. But there was one elderly man in an invalid chair, a stout man, lying unconscious; his wife, as heavy as he was, was also uncon-

scious. A pile of debris lay across her feet. Another woman had fainted.

Reynolds wriggled back and got a pan of water. He went back into the cellar and revived the woman who had fainted and guided her out. He went back.

Again he came to the opening, and this time he passed a dog up to the waiting hands.

Back Again

Back again into the perilous space beneath the suspended mass of ruins. This time he carried a rope. He got the rope round the sick man's body, but he had not the strength to shift the heavy weight.

Meantime, the men outside had made the opening as wide as possible, and had pushed a sheet of corrugated iron down into the hole to improvise a sloping run-way. Reynolds passed them the rope. They hauled on it and Reynolds guided the body of the half-unconscious man to the opening until it could be dragged up out of the cellar.

He went back and repeated the performance for the man's wife, forcing his weary muscles to shift the heavy rubble from her legs.

Once she was safe, Reynolds went down again, peering amid a drift of dust and a mass of wreckage by the light of a torch for the other two victims. But he couldn't find them. He crawled back to the surface.

Later excavations discovered the other two: both women. One was dead; the other—so capricious is the destruction of a bomb was unhurt and, dug out of the rubble, said: "Has anybody got a cigarette?"

Unto Death

Peter Clarkson Wise is not a Knight of the Blitzkrieg, for his great act of heroism was performed on active service. He was a sergeant in the Royal Air Force. "Was"—for he is dead.

Peter piloted a bomber. He

flew, on an average, 1,000 miles every time he went out. He flew through anti-aircraft fire that looks like a fireworks display but makes thousands of cubic yards of air perilous to man and machine. He flew, too, through swarms of fighters—faster, lighter than his own machine—that stabbed at him with gunfire.

One night he went out again, flew his 500 or 600 miles into Germany, threaded through the splashes of light and the cloud of flying splinters, soared past the fighters that flew at him like a swarm of gnats, dived and bombed and, when his bomb-racks were empty, turned for home.

On his way, he was continually fired at with bullet and shell. Suddenly a stabbing pain shot through him. Without a murmur, he went on flying. He saw the edge of England on the sea at dawn. He set his course for his base, and brought his plane to the ground.

As he sank and his wheels touched, his crew saw him—quite unexpectedly sverve, then right himself with an obvious effort. But he brought the machine safely to its base.

Only then did his crew see that he had been hit. He had flown hundreds of miles with a bullet in him, his blood welling into a dark patch on his uniform.

When he swerved, he had fainted, but found enough will power to force himself back into consciousness and save his crew. He could not get out of the machine. He was lifted out and rushed to hospital, where he died.

Another Hero

There was another Flight Sergeant, Bertram James Thomas; he was attached to the middle East Command. He was flying over Abyssinia when he was hit in the right shoulder by an explosive bullet that tore his flesh into a gaping wound.

He had already flown far enough to tire him; loss of blood began to drain away the last of his resistance. But he was 40 miles from his base and he was in charge of an aeroplane. That aeroplane was not merely a machine worth £20,000 but a fighting unit of a value to his country. So, instead of landing, surrendering and receiving the attention which might mean the difference between life and death, he set his plane's nose toward Berbera, his home station.

Sergeant Thomas had not only his plane to think about. He was accompanied by an air-gunner. That was an additional reason to return.

He reached Berbera and, with the last rag of his strength he prepared to land.

But—the burst of fire which had wounded him had smashed the landing gear of his machine. He had to perform one of the most difficult tasks in flying, a "belly landing"—coming down with the undercarriage retracted and no wheels on which to taxi over the ground.

His right arm useless, blood pouring from his wound, at his last gasp, he brought it off.

And the air-gunner, the plane and Sergeant Thomas himself survived to strike again at the enemy.

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HITLER FEARS DEATH THIS YEAR.

HITLER will die in 1941. Ever since the Austrian house painter became the dictator of all the Germans eight years ago, this prediction has been whispered about throughout Germany.

Astrologers, soothsayers, palmists, numerologists, and clairvoyants of every type have been proclaiming it quietly but consistently.

To-day it is no longer a secret. Many Germans give credence to it.

Even Adolf Hitler is convinced that his horoscope presages for this year the gravest if not the final crisis of his life.

A few years ago I smiled cynically and rather derisively at this prophecy, which was confided to me by a high Nazi official. The lady, one of Hitler's most trusted youth leaders, life in the days when his empire had sighed deeply.

"We can do nothing about it," she said. "It is written in the stars, and we must accept the fact. We can only hope that the Fuehrer shall have completed his mission on this earth before that day shall come."

Germans have always had a sentimental weakness for sooth-saying. In no other country has the business of fortune-telling flourished so brightly. Nowhere else are there as many well-organised societies of magicians and professional seers. And no other land has as extensive a modern literature on occultism.

Adolf Hitler believes implicitly in occult forces. Since his advent, clairvoyance and astrology enjoy State-protection. Alchemy is subsidised by his Government as an essential science. And to magic healers he has given the same status as to licensed physicians.

By
PIERRE VAN PAASSEN.

Famous Austrian Diplomat

BUT it was not Hitler who introduced the mystic sign of the swastika as the symbol of Germany's destiny.

It was Kaiser Wilhelm II, who, on his visit to Britain in 1911, bewildered Scotland Yard by arriving with swastika labels pasted all over his Royal baggage.

He regarded the swastika as a confided to me by a high Nazi official. The lady, one of Hitler's most trusted youth leaders, life in the days when his empire had sighed deeply.

**THE FATAL
7
THAT RULES
HIS LIFE**

The Fuehrer's faith in the swastika is no less fervent. He, too, is afraid of the future.

That is why he has adopted the imperial suit-case label as the flag and insignia of the Third Reich.

But whereas Wilhelm put his faith in the swastika because of its alleged Buddhist origin, Hitler selected it because its design resembles two reversed figure 7's interlocked in the centre.

In the language of magic seven is the luckiest of numbers, and 7 x 7 represents the acme of good fortune.

Hitler's intimates know that he swears by the number seven as the symbol of his power, his luck and his destiny.

STUDENTS of numerology have compiled this rather curious record of the significance of the number seven in the life of Adolf Hitler:

He escaped death on Oct. 7, 1918, during the first World War, when his entire platoon was wiped out, but he was only wounded.

Seven years after he entered politics he wrote the final chapter of "Mein Kampf."

He was in his forty-second year—six times seven—when the Nazis emerged in the Reichstag elections as a major political party, with 6,406,397 votes.

The devotees of seven point out that not only does the total Nazi vote end in the figure seven, but the digits of the entire number add up to thirty-five, or five times seven, and the Nazis obtained 107 seats in the Reichstag.

After the blood purge of June 30, 1934, Hitler announced the number of those killed for treason to the Nazi regime as 77.

He annexed Austria while in his forty-ninth year, and concluded the Munich pact of September, 1938, and occupied Czechoslovakia and Memel when he was 49—seven times seven.

He began the war in September, 1939, in the seventh year of his regime, supposed to be his luckiest period, and carried the Polish campaign to a triumphant conclusion in twenty-eight days—four times seven.

He scheduled the surrender of King Leopold of Belgium for May 28.

The campaign against France began on May 10, 1940, and ended when armistice negotiations were begun on June 21, exactly forty-two—six times seven—days later.

EXPERT interpreters of numbers contend that Hitler's lucky cycle ended with the seventh month, July, of the seventh year of his rule, 1940.

What he had not achieved by that time he never will, the German seers dolefully admit. It is true that a tremendous change has come over Hitler since the "fateful" month of July, 1940.

He himself has built up the legend of his occult powers and his communion with the stars.

He himself burned his bridges by setting the time for his final triumph during the seven-by-seven cycle of his life, symbolised by the swastika. Now he can't escape.

SERVILE astrologers and syco-phantic numerologists have worked out new tables that extend Hitler's upward chart beyond 1940.

But it is all in vain. He knows better. There is no mistaking the significance of the events since July, 1940.

Britain and the United States have written him under his horoscope. His conquests have come to a standstill.

I do not believe that Hitler's fall must await his death. Nor does his fall necessarily mean his death.

The man who has terrified more than 200,000,000 people in Europe is a physical coward.

He proved it during the Beer Putsch of 1923, when he crawled along the muddy gutters of the streets of Munich in his scramble for safety. He has proved it even more conclusively at Berchtesgaden.

HIS home there is a fortress that can withstand the assault of a whole army.

It is protected from air attacks by gigantic rocks and by innumerable machine-gun nests and anti-aircraft batteries.

In this fantastic abode lives the Prophet of the Swastika. He is determined to live on, even if the whole German nation should be destroyed by an interminable war.

His fall will come only when the German people realise that they are doomed; when the vision of a better world conjured up by him disappears under the merciless bombings of a superior, British air force.

And the mustachioed little ex-corporal knows this only too well.

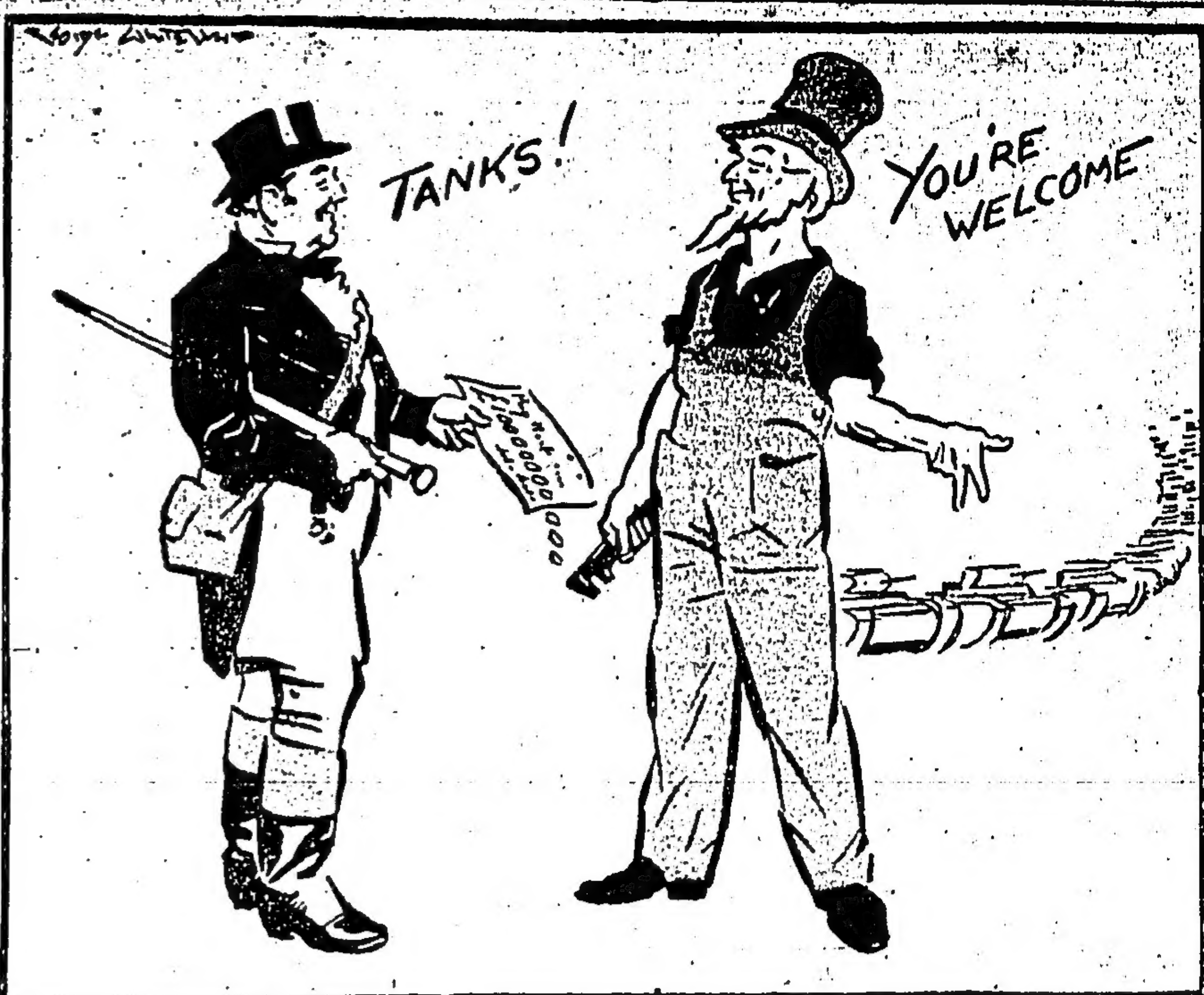
Notwithstanding Goering's reluctance to proceed with the bombings of London, the pale hermit of the eagle's-nest abode hysterically demands renewed and bigger air attacks on Britain.

He hopes against hope that the British morale will crack, that Churchill will resign, and that Downing Street will be ready to listen to reason.

BUT that hope has faded. Hitler, to his terror, realises that he must attempt the impossible: the breaking of a Great Britain backed now by the full resources of the United States.

That pitiless dawn will come when Adolf Hitler will sit in Berchtesgaden a virtual prisoner, staring into a clouded horizon, trying to come to a decision: To live or to die.

No longer would it satisfy Great Britain if he gave himself up. Nor would the fate of Germany be changed if he surrendered up the courage to kill himself.



LOOKING AHEAD

America has undertaken to make "hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of tanks" for Britain's future war programme.

Private Life of a Private

NEITHER TO BE SEEN NOR HEARD

"DIGGING IN," says the Sergeant-Major of X Company, "is a thing of the past. In the last war, there was a system of trenches that grew and grew until the troops were moving in a sort of city of rats and dugouts.

"You dug in a stone's throw away from the German lines, and hopped from trench to trench on little offensives. That's Sweet Fanny Adams now.

"The last war was old-fashioned. Now, it's all mobile stuff.

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"Consequently, one of the most important things you have got to learn is, how to get across country quickly and quietly—disguise yourself as a blade of grass or a daisy, or something. You've got to be ghosts. You've got to learn how to stay perfectly still.

"Now over there, within fifty yards of you, there are a dozen men, every one of them with his rifle dead on you.

"They are invisible because they are keeping perfectly still. Any more?"

At a given signal, they could open fire and mow you down.

"You can't see 'em, eh? And yet the glint of the sun on a bit of those men hidden out there are no brass."

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"An argument against spit-and-are just keeping still.

"Silence is the first rule of invisibility. Bear that in mind. A rise in the ground of only a few inches is enough to cover a man at a hundred yards; if he keeps still, little things like that.

"Your face looks white at a distance; so keep it down. Breathe slowly and steadily. Get into a comfortable position so that your muscles won't cramp.

"Control yourself so that you're motionless, and, if you pick your cover with only reasonable common sense, it'd take more than an ordinary man to pick you out.

"So, there are twelve men hidden within a stone's throw of you here. See how many you can pick out."

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We narrow our eyes, and scrutinise the land.

There are a few sparse shrubs; a few bare little trees, a bump or two in the grassland; no sign of life apart from vegetable life.

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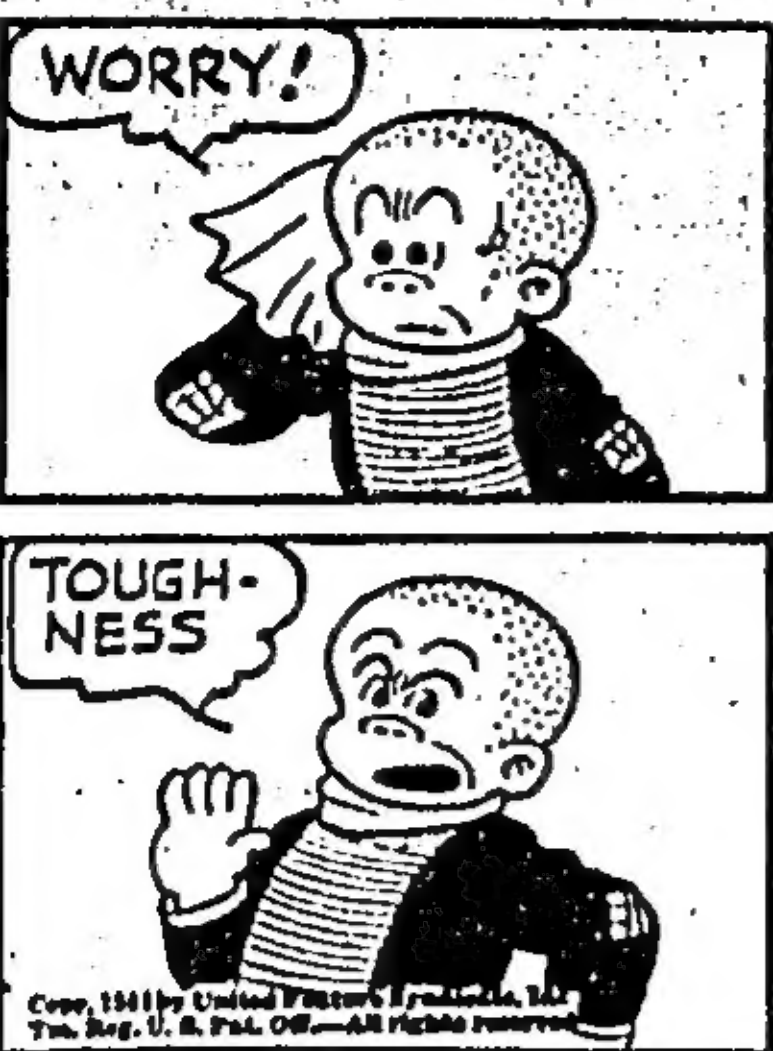
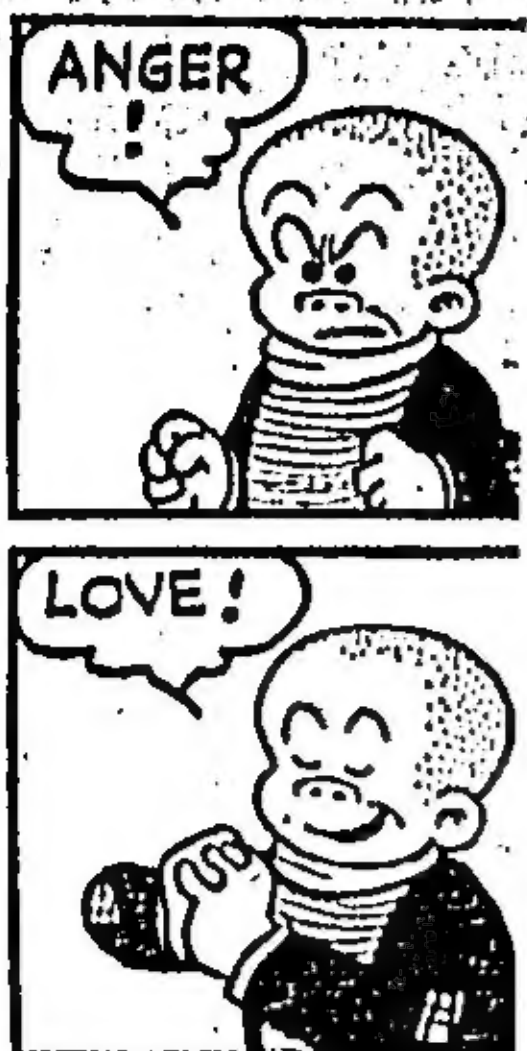
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

China's Miracle Plant: THE BAMBOO

ASK A CHINESE what production of nature is most useful to his daily existence, and he will, without batting an eyelid, invariably reply "bamboo." The answer is characteristic and reveals the bamboo's marvellous utilitarian role in China's economy. People eat it, make paper of it, use it for building purposes, and employ it as raw material in their various crafts. It is, indeed, the miracle plant of the Orient.

Although the graceful bamboo flourishes throughout tropical America, India, Malaya and the Far East, it is in China that it has become the veritable answer to a maiden's prayer. Chinese ingenuity has found naive expression in the variety of uses to which the bamboo is put. Like the American pork packing industry, nothing is wasted; the whole plant being utilised in some form or other.

The long, jointed stems of the bamboo are, of course, the basic material for the manifold operations of Chinese craftsmen. No statistician can compute the innumerable forms which these can be made to take in their clever hands. Their productions run the gamut of the imagination, and may range from cheap furniture and thatched house to combs used by old-fashioned Chinese ladies in tidying up their hair. Split lengthwise into several long strips, and then split again and again, the bamboo stalk may be reduced to lengths of tough, wiry ribbons, with which baskets, coarse mats, hampers, chicken coops and other articles of domestic utility are made.

WITH the entire stem, the Chinese boatman forms his iron-tipped boat hooks, and it is interesting to note, in this connection, that the look in general use among hearts of China's skilled artificers is made from bamboo. For light-ability to carve in the hard, strength and durability, material all kinds of fanciful

By
T. PAUL GREGORY

HOWEVER, as it would require a monograph to describe the various applications to which the bamboo plant is put in China, perhaps the best summary of its utilitarian possibilities is that found in the witty "pidgin-English" rhymes of the Rev. Arthur Moule:

- I
"One piece of thing my have got,
Makkee that thing my no can do.
You talker you no sabee what?
Bamboo."
- II
"That chow-chow all too muchee
sweet
My likee; what no likee you?
You makkee fry, you makkee eat
Bamboo."
- III
"That old house too muchee small,
My have got chilo, wanchee new;
My makkee, one big piece, all
Bamboo."
- IV
"Top-side that house my wanchee
thatch,
And bottom-side that matting,
too;
My makkee both if my can catch
Bamboo."
- V
"That sun he makkee too much hot
My makkee-hat (my talker true)
And coat for rain, if my have got
Bamboo."
- VI
"That Piling too much robbery
He makkee; on his back, one, two,
He catchee for his robbery
Bamboo."
- VII
"No wanchee walk that China pig,
You foreigner no walkee you,
My carry both upon a big
Bamboo."
- VIII
"What makkee sampan go so fast?
That time the wind so strong he
blew,
What makkee sail and rope and
mast?
Bamboo."
- IX
"My catchee everything in life,
From number one of trees that
grew,
So muchee good my give my wife
Bamboo."
- X
"And now, man-man, my talker
done,
And so my say chin-chin to
you;
My hope you think this number
one
Bamboo."



YES, SIR, THEY'RE WOMEN—These are lady wardens wearing new gas masks designed for old folks and those with chest trouble. Picture taken in London when gas test caught Saturday shoppers by surprise. Masks are designed as cover-all hoods, without nose clamps or mouthpieces.

THE NAZIS' MOST FAMOUS PRISONER

By "Observer"

Many rumours about a terrible thing to have Dr Martin Niemöller, a son in a concentration camp. But there would be something more terrible for us: if God had needed a faithful martyr and our churchmen throughout the world continue to be interested in his fate. It was persistently rumoured that he had entered the Roman Catholic Church. The story apparently originated in the fact that he was studying the Roman Catholic position. His wife, however, issued a statement which was read in many of the congregations sympathetic to her husband which gave an absolute denial to the rumour.



A Swiss Roman Catholic newspaper, commenting on the reported conversion, said, "Whether Niemöller has become Catholic or not, he remains in any case one of the most honourable members of the invisible church and is doing eminent service to Catholicism, even without formally going over to it, by the power of his personal witness. He with an obligatory holiday has become the conscience on Sunday. They said it of his generation and is to-day going through vicarious suffering for Catholics and Protestants alike."

Quite recently Dr Niemöller's father died at the age of 85. He was in retirement when Martin was imprisoned nearly four years ago, but he returned to active service, declaring that he would fill the gap left by his son. The minister of an American church in Berlin tells of a visit he paid to the aged pastor just after Hitler had marched into Poland. It is remarkably close.

"When you return to America," said the old man, permission is now given to do not let anyone pity the workers to absent themselves and mother of Mar-selves from work at Easter tin Niemöller. Yes, it and Christmas.

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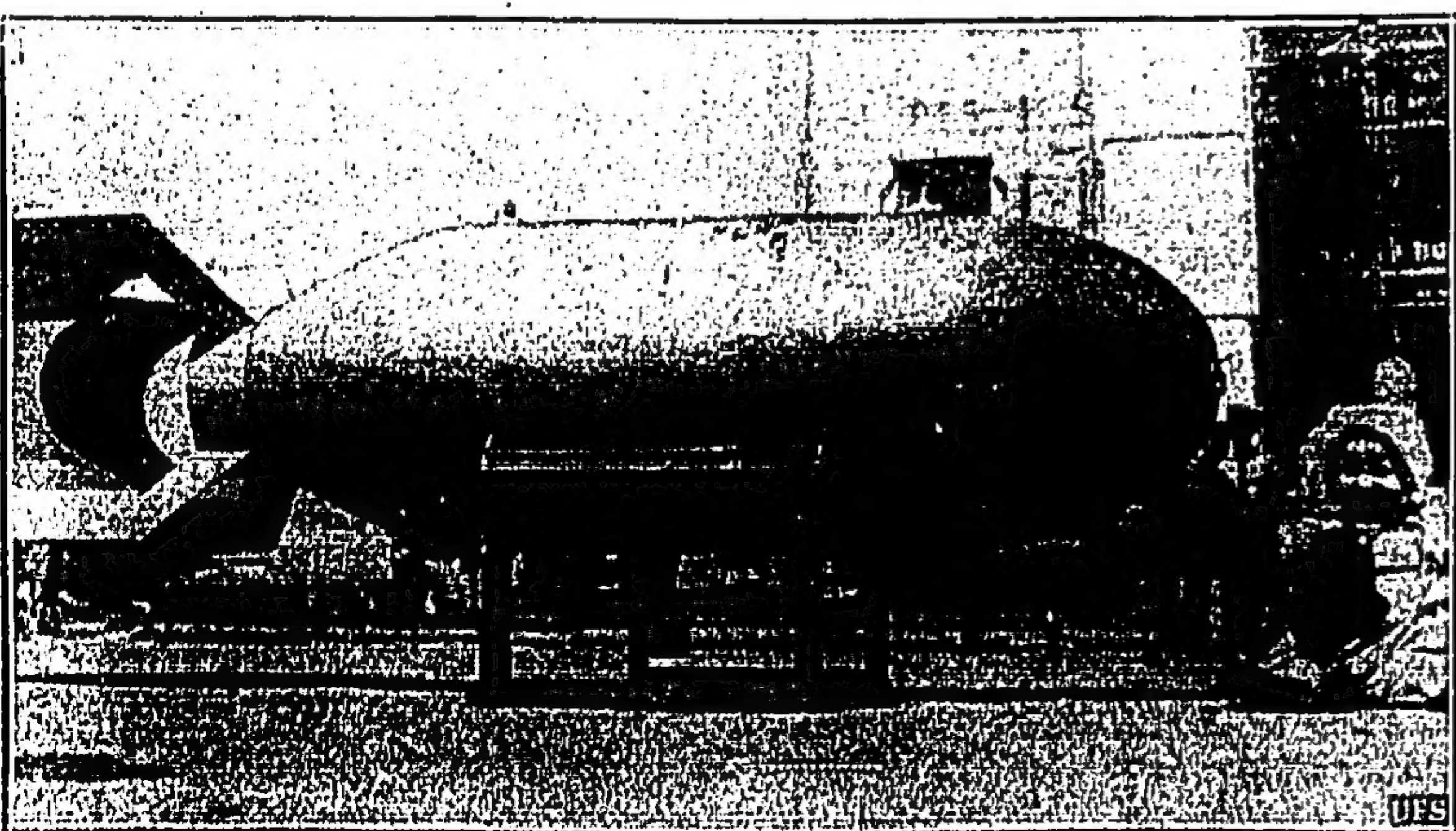
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DEFENCE MISSILE—They call this a defence missile in the United States, but it can wreck widespread devastation. It is a 2,000 pound bomb, displayed during "open house" at the new U.S. Army base, MacDill Field, near Tampa, Florida. Compare it with the 20 pound baby at the right. The largest planes could carry such bombs.

Local League Opening Draws Nearer

H.K. Brewerymen Tackle Chung Hwa Maroons In Tune-up Game To-day

S. China v. Sappers To-morrow

("By BALL FAN")

WITH THE OPENING MARCH to the flag-pole set for Saturday June 7, local major league ball teams have already started pruning out their "below standard" rookies and veterans who have passed from the big time class, so as to bring their roster down to the maximum number of players allowed by the league constitution.

Picked to enter the pennant chase as one of the dead-set favourites, by the wise guys along the local "Broadway", H.K. Brewery's all-powerful beermen tackle Chung Hwa Maroons in a training tune-up tilt this afternoon at the sunny Caroline Hill sand dunes, at 3 p.m.

The Sabbath morning encounter slated for the same sun-baked grounds at 11 a.m. will find the South China nine in their second "workout" frays when they take on "hot potato" Hamelin's Royal Engineers.

THE beer producers have been dangle around with various infield combinations since they opened camp at the Southland training grounds, but have already rounded out their infield problems for the year, and will enter the league opener next month with a veteran quartet in line "where's that fluid" Leonard on first, Tony Alves and George Sousa clicking at the key-stone, and that "torridero of bam's" Dave Leonard on third.

In this afternoon's fray, steadily tossing Madden Arculi will be sent to the beer hillock to oppose Chung Hwa hurler Al Lau. The Chinese Maroon Sighman, in his pre-season training sessions on the rubber mound, has shown promising class, and is a sure bet to improve as the league schedule gets underway.

Grandpa Leung's Maroons checked in with a snappy fly-catching game in their last practice fray with veterans. They Ping-fun and Forrest Long dishing up rare mid-season ball catching ability.

The Chinese masterminds expect to break camp this year and head north with a gang of scrappy rookies, who are booked to start at regular positions beside last year's starry veterans.

Manager F. K. Lau and coach Grandpa Leung have given the Maroon ball-playing aspirants plenty of perspiring work in their limbering drills, and the gala opening day should find a Chung Hwa team in the pink of condition and "rair" to get into the pennant chase.

Hongkong Brewery ball fans are all "hot up" over the brilliant wins which their favourites have already checked in with since the start of the spring exhibition tilts, and the beer faithful have visions of the pennant and Barram Shield when the early autumn rolls around in the far off horizon.

AFTER their crushing defeat by Tulsa's mighty run-making machine last week, the Royal Engineers will be gunning to redeem themselves before their gashouse followers to-morrow morning, with a fighting game against South China's red and blue men.

Since their 5-3 win over the Canadians many heat-perspiring weeks ago, the Sappers have been taken successive bit-scoring losses, and Manager Hamelin is set on talking a few more wins before the league opener.

The Engineers have a keen brigade of ball tossers with eagerness marked in their every move, but due to a late start in learning the rudiments of the game, and in grasping the fundamental "knicks" the Empire military nine lack considerably the experience, the class and the "knotty knots" of the other teams in the loop.

However the Sappers are out there fighting continually, giving their "dah-gand" best and having the gashouse mob behind them to the limit.

South China's snappy crew will send out their ace hurler Kenny Moy, whose brilliant start last week stamps him as a ball tosser in a mode. The Chinese gang appear to be weak with the willow-wand, and as in other games, will pin their faith in tight, "closed tight" fielding to record their first win this year.

Mal Winglee is all peppered to dangle with the big glove behind the platter and the Southern boys will show a scrapper infield in Tommy Chan, Texaco Ng, Wally Ching and Nip Lum.

If Dave Ussher's Tulsa tars remain in port over the weekend, they are slated to tackle Ski Powlawski's strong Min-danao nine in a Sunday afternoon tilt starting at 2.30 p.m.

The Mighty T lost a heart-breaking 3-2 game to their sea-going rivals last week, and a close scoring game is expected if the Tulsa tars are able to appear on Sunday.

IT sure is great to see old Frank Patrick's name in print out here on the far off shore of the Asiatic Pacific. His ideas and innovations towards revolutionizing baseball from a player's as well as a ball

Weekly Wind-up

Tulsa's screwball double play last week should carve a big niche in local baseball's "believe it or not" hall of queer plays. The H.B. beer kings looked pretty hot out there in their affluence with the Mighty T. Seem to have everything from terrific hitting power to a snappy bat boy.

Which reminds us that a bat boy plays a pretty important role with the Major teams under the big tent—Eddie Bennett, famous bat boy with Joe McCarthy's New York Yankees, who is a real middle-aged man, is an important cog in the Yankee pay-roll. Always receives a share in the Club's World Series cut.

Joe, "that sparkling firebrand" Morris, Mahawks shift catcher, is leaving this land by the sea in the very near future. Joe was a starry ice hockeyist back around the precincts of the Boston Gardens. Flashed around centre ice a la Howie Morens, the immortal Canadian, of "Hying Frenchmen" fame.

—Ditto Mack Sperry, lanky marauding Mohawk outfielder, who was chosen on the mythical all-inter-scholastic ice hockey team back in his Boston College High school days.

That garden bowling tilt to-day between the softball league and the Kowloon Football Club should be a "corner," or do we mean a "whizz-banging humdinger"—A. M. Omar will probably be chief skipper for the diamond masterminds in this classic duck pin rolling fracas.

The local major baseball league's entrance fee looks pretty high from this angle—it gets the financially-sound clubs, and the high-salaried yokels, of this community through with the O.K. sign easy enough. But what about the youngsters, the back yard sandlot gang, the kids who form teams and want to play? The under-paid, the little shots in this land, those who would find it practically impossible to sell many, if any season tickets. Those who haven't the pals who can afford to buy season tickets.

In America, baseball is symbolic of national democracy in the realm of sport—a sport for the underprivileged as well as for the privileged.

fan's point of view, is something that all ball pokels will give a serious thought to.

His ideas in marking out areas throughout the diamond should bear fruit in an all-round sense, and ball czars throughout the land are sure to ponder over the "why's and why not's" of this latest innovation towards streamlined baseball.

Frank Patrick and his brother Lester, who is commonly known in the two great North American countries as "the Silver Fox," have really helped in a heap big way towards bringing ice hockey to its present high status in the realm of world sport, and Frank's latest ideas towards the improvement of the national summer pastime bears plenty of thought behind it.

The two brothers are products of that ice hockey hot bed, Montreal, but first gained standout fame in the Far West where they organized the Pacific coast hockey league.

Lester Patrick, the "silver fox," came east again in the middle twenties and organized the New York Rangers hockey team, owned and operated by the Madison Square Gardens. He is now vice president of this great sports palace situated in the heart of Manhattan.

In the early thirties he invented the theory of streamlined hockey, experimenting on his Ranger blade gang, who that year played the famous "razzle dazzle" type of game to clinch the Stanley Cup, emblematic of world professional hockey supremacy.

Frank Patrick returned to the Atlantic seaboard last year and during the past winter was associated with Les Canadiens, Montreal's colonial "Hying Frenchmen," ice hockeyists de luxe, as business manager.

According to the latest news, his new baseball inventions will probably be tried out in Frank "shag" Shaughnessy's International baseball this year, and from this end of the earth we feel that his streamlined innovations for the ball diamond will appeal to old John Fan in the same manner as he has taken to Patrick's ideas on the glossy ice.

Larry Montes Holes-in-One On P.I. Course

LARRY MONTES, leading Philippine golf professional scored a hole-in-one for the first time in his career and broke the course record of the Davao Golf and Country Club in Davao City by shooting a 33 in an exhibition match, played on May 15.

Montes' remarkable feat was achieved while playing in a foursome with Zacks and Pat Frank, Davao golfers, and Dingo Gonzalez. Zacks and Montes defeated Pat Frank and Gonzalez in a thrilling match, 1 up, played before a big crowd despite the stormy weather.

To-day's Lawn Bowls Programme

The following is the programme of Lawn Bowls League matches for to-day:

FIRST DIVISION
Recrelo "B" v. Recrelo "A"
Police R.C. v. Craigenower
Kowloon C.C. v. K. Dock
K.B.G.C. "A" v. C.S.C.C.
K.B.G.C. "B" v. Indian R.C.

SECOND DIVISION
Hongkong F.C. v. Recrelo
Prison O.C. v. Hongkong C.C.
Taikoo v. Kowloon C.C.
Craigenower v. Kowloon F.C.

THIRD DIVISION
Recrelo v. Craigenower
Indian R.C. v. K.B.G.C.
Electric v. Hongkong F.C.
Hongkong C.C. v. Police

Bobby Jones III Ready For His Tournament Debut

ATLANTA, April (AP).—Fifteen-year-old Bobby Jones III, son of the former grand-slam champion of golf, will make his tournament debut in the annual Southern prep and high school meet at Chattanooga, Tenn., a few weeks hence.

Weighing nearly 190 pounds and standing about six feet tall, young Bobby already is larger than his famed father.

Explained Bob Jones Jr., about his son's game:

"He hits the ball a long way getting to the green and he still hits it a long way after he gets there."



14th VICTIM—Too groggy to get up, Gus Dorazio of Philadelphia is about to fall flat on canvas, after Champion Joe Louis, right, knocked him out in the second round of title bout in Philadelphia. He's Joe's fourteenth victim.

The Combined Chinese athletic team, who, though beaten, put up a great fight against the Army in the Athletic Meeting held at Caroline Hill on Sunday last.—Ming Yuen.

American's Views On British Sports Character

(By Ben Robertson, "P.M." Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, April.—They are having a public discussion over here at the present time about whether it is morally right to allow horseracing in the middle of war. Recently, the ban against racing was partially lifted and a meet was held at Lincoln—the first regular meet that has been permitted in England in months and months.

It was a very subdued affair compared to the great race gatherings of peace time, but nonetheless it was a racing occasion—the ponies did run and some of the girls showed up in new Easter hats and some of the boys drank a few pints of beer.

Both sexes placed a number of modest bets and they used up a certain amount of gasoline and lost about six hours from the office.

As on all moral questions, this event has split the people into a group, which holds it was a sinful waste of time during a war, into a group which believes it was a sinful waste, yet one that somehow ought to merit forgiveness, and into a shameless majority which argues:

"What the hell, a bloke must do something now and then to get his mind off the struggle."

Oats Problem

THE argument which the strict moralists put forward is not only that racing should be banned, but that racehorses should be put to work or killed. They say horses are robbing the barnyard fowl of Great Britain of oats.

I asked Robert Hudson, the Minister of Agriculture how much oats did the racehorses of England eat and he said that if what they ate were fed to hens the population of this island would have one quarter of an egg more per year.

My personal observation on this matter is that an Englishman would rather have a couple of bob on an occasional race than to have this quarter of an egg under his belt. Horseracing with the English is sort of like baseball is with us.

Another argument put forward by the bluesoes is that horseracing was banned through the last war so it ought to be banned throughout this one.

The answer to that is that Britain banned ponies last time because of their political aspects—Britain's allies might not understand if they read that Swallows Son had won the Tweedledum handicap at Newmarket.

In this war, they continue, England doesn't need any ally except

West Leads East In Japanese Wrestling Bouts

TOKYO, May 23 (Domet).—With Captain and Grand Champion Minanogawa, 315-pound Goliath, dropping out of active participation on the sixth day, the disheartened Eastern sumo wrestlers on Thursday trailed the Westerners captained by Grand Champion Futabayama by 171 matches to 189 to-day, as only one more day remains of the 15-day tournament.

Haguroyama, Futabayama's protegee and second ranking champion of the West, camp, held on to individual honours by defeating the massive Akinoumi, stretching his record to 13 victories with a lone defeat, as the best in the tournament.

As the tournament goes into its final day, interest is at fever pitch with large crowds massed in front of newspaper offices watching the latest results being posted on the score boards, flushed on electric signs. There is standing room only in the news reel theatres featuring the sumo matches.

America and their argument is that America would understand if our people were told how much it means to England to be able to snack out now and then and forget everything on a racecourse.

Personally, again, I don't see why they shouldn't hold an occasional race meeting in England.

These are grim times on this island and 40,000,000 men and women are living here like an army lives on a battlefield.

They get up at daylight and go to bed at dark and many of them work half the clock around six days in the week.

After all, there comes a time even in war when you get fed up with reading Jane Austen in a public shelter.

Dogs And Cats
RETURNING again to the subject of what is morally right in war, people here also are talking about what they ought to do with England's cats and dogs, with this island's thousands of pets.

Officially, it has been reported that English dogs eat as much in a year as the people of Britain eat in one week and that British cats drink 18,000,000 gallons of milk in a year.

The British deplore this but they are devoted to their cats and dogs and they are beginning to make it clear that only in the case of direct emergency will they sacrifice these animals.

I have seen Englishmen dig for hours in the ruins of a bombed house searching for a dog.

There is something fundamental about British devotion to pets and something equally British about their love of racing.

For instance, it gave me a lift the other day after reading what Hitler intended to do to this island this spring, to read in the same newspaper that the Derby would be run this year on June 7.

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Australian Casualties In Greece

MELBOURNE, May 23 (Reuter).—Australian casualties in Greece, totalled 3,983 men, reported General Sir Thomas Blamey, Deputy C-in-C, Middle East, to-day.

Of this figure, he said, 3,500 killed, missing, prisoners and wounded were left behind in Greece after the evacuation of the Imperial forces had been completed.

Seven medical officers and 150 other ranks stayed behind to take care of the wounded, knowing that they had no chance of being saved.

Middle East Air Activity

CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—Under the sub-heading "Mediterranean," a communique reports that fighter aircraft of the South African Air Force have destroyed two Junkers-87 dive-bombers, which attempted to attack shipping.

During Thursday-Friday night, R.A.F. bombers effected a successful raid on Benghazi harbour and the communique added: "Bombs burst on the Cathedral Mosque and two fires, accompanied by explosions, were started."

Position In Iraq
Offensive action in Iraq is reported in the same communique, which says: "Rebel forces attacked Fallujah yesterday, but after the heavy bombing, our original positions were re-occupied. A number of lorries and trucks were captured."

"An Iraqi petrol dump at Casvel, a post 12 miles to the north of Baghdad, was bombed and machine-gunned, four large fires being started."

"Mosul aerodrome was machine-gunned by our fighters, two enemy aircraft being destroyed and another damaged."

"German aircraft bombed and machine-gunned Habbaniya, causing some damage to buildings and there were slight casualties."

Abyssinia
In Abyssinia, South African aircraft dive-bombed a concentration of motor transport near Soddu, destroying seven vehicles, and also attacked similarly troops and a transport store at Jimma.

From all these operations, two aircraft were missing.

Ground Forces In Action
CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communique states: "Libya.—In both the Tobruk and Sollum areas, our patrols have again been active."

"Abyssinia.—The Battle of the Lakes continues to develop satisfactorily. Imperial troops are moving towards the Jimma concentrations. The Italians are scattered in various garrisons over an area the size of England."

"Iraq.—Our troops have successfully dispersed an enemy counter-attack which gained a temporary footing on the outskirts of the town of Fallujah. Twenty Iraqi rebel officers and 90 other ranks have been taken prisoner."

King George Of Hellenes

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Rome Radio reports that according to a Cairo message, King George of Greece has arrived by air in the Egyptian capital.

Prince Paul and other members of the Greek Royal family are reported to have been in Cairo for some days, as are also the Greek ex-Premier and two of his Ministers.

Ship Repairing Controlled

An order is published in the Government "Gazette" that every undertaking for the execution for any repairs whatever to or on board of any ship in this Colony or the territorial waters shall be a controlled undertaking, the word "ship" in the Order having the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1939.

The Controller of Water Transport has been appointed to be a competent authority for the purpose of this Regulation and the effect of the order is to make the execution of all ship repairs subject to the direction of any, given by the competent authority, in this case, the Harbour Master, who is Controller of Water Transport.

Italians Beat Up Shai Editor

SHANGHAI, May 23 (Reuter).—George Leonof, city editor of the local English language morning paper, the "China Press," has been reported injured yesterday afternoon when four Italians attacked him after charging that he was responsible for the anti-Italian editorials appearing in that paper.

According to the story published in this morning's "China Press," Leonof was lured to a vacant lot in the French Concession and there beaten up after he refused to drink a large bottle of castor oil.

Leonof, who is believed to be a Russian, is said to have suffered various cuts and bruises on the face and head.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, has been appointed a Commissioner to administer oaths and make declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Supreme Court.

ONE-CENT NOTES

Publication Of Draft Bill

The draft of an Ordinance to provide for the issue by the Financial Secretary of one-cent legal tender currency notes is published in the Government "Gazette."

The object and reasons of the Bill states that owing to the shortage of one-cent copper coins and the delay in arrival of such coins on order, it has been found necessary as a temporary measure, to issue one-cent currency notes.

This Bill follows generally the lines of Ordinance No. 42 of 1935, which authorised the issue of legal tender one-dollar notes and established a Fund for their redemption.

This Bill makes the new notes legal tender for the payment of any amount not exceeding one dollar.

Security Fund
The following particulars of the Bill are published:

It shall be lawful for the Financial Secretary to issue and re-issue one-cent currency notes in the Colony, which shall be legal tender for the payment of any amount not exceeding one dollar.

The Financial Secretary shall establish a One-cent Note Security Fund into which he shall pay all moneys he receives for such currency notes.

The Fund shall be held on deposit at one or more banks in the Colony and shall be available for withdrawal from circulation of such portion of the issue of the said currency notes as the Financial Secretary may from time to time deem it desirable to withdraw; provided that a portion of the Fund may be temporarily invested at the discretion of the Financial Secretary.

All expenses incurred in the printing and delivery of currency notes and such other expenses as the Governor may deem necessary in connection with the issue of such notes shall be charged to the general revenues of the Colony.

Interest or dividends received on any money deposited or invested on behalf of the One-cent Note Security Fund shall be paid into the general revenues of the Colony.

RIOTING BETWEEN SECTS

—India

BOMBAY, May 23 (Reuter).—Rioting between Moslems and Hindus resumed here to-day when the Police were again compelled to fire on a mob.

Rioting broke out last night and the Police opened fire at one point.

Up to this morning, nine people were known to have been killed and 75 injured.

A curfew has been imposed from 7.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.

GREEK MINISTER GIVES MESSAGE

CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—The Greek Minister of the Interior has issued the following message:

"To Free Greeks. The fight which we stand against the Germans two days ago on the island of Imros is proceeding satisfactorily. Our brave Allies, the British, Cretan soldiers, are doing magnificent work."

"Have courage. We are fighting and will continue to fight until final victory."

"God save the free people."

ITALIAN WAR DEPT SHIFTS

ROME, May 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that General Alfredo Guzzoni has ceased to function as Under-Secretary of War and sub-Chief of the Army Staff.

General Antonio Sirtori succeeds to the Under-Secretaryship, while the post of sub-Chief of the Army Staff is eliminated.

Prisoners Of War In India

SIMLA, May 23 (Reuter).—It is learned that the number of Italian prisoners in India is approximately 32,500. The International Red Cross have appointed a delegate to British India to organize private endeavour for the health and recreation of the prisoners of war in India.

Indian Agitator In China Occupied

PEKING, May 23 (Reuter).—The notorious Indian agitator, Mahendran Prasad, who conducted a violent anti-British campaign during the World War and who had been living here for many years in Japan, arrived here from Nanking on May 10. He has been addressing students at local Chinese Government Schools with inflammatory propaganda.

It is interesting to note that he is permitted to advocate a world state with a common army and a common flag, though doubtless out of deference to his Japanese hosts he omits to mention the flag's design and colour.

Royal Exile Leaves Virgin Islands

NEW YORK, May 23 (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol of Rumania and his wife, Queen Elena, have booked passages aboard the "United States," leaving Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands, on May 28 and due in Havana on June 1.

French Commander In Syria Deserts Vichy

CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—It is confirmed here that Colonel Collet, one of the most brilliant French commanders in Syria and creator of the well-known Circassian Legion, has crossed into Trans-Jordan from Syria en route for Palestine, accompanied by a number of other Free Frenchmen.

Colonel Collet has issued a proclamation announcing his intention to join the Free French and denouncing the Vichy policy of supplying arms to Iraq.

Border Incident
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—An admission that Colonel Collet has crossed into Trans-Jordan from Syria is contained in an official Vichy news agency despatch from Beirut.

During reports that Free French forces have entered Syria, the despatch says that these reports were a cloak to hide the preparations for "a concrete move which was attempted during Wednesday and last night."

Under the pretext of exercises, Lt-Col Collet, Commander of tribal levies, made his troops carry out the movement designed to draw the British forces from Transjordan.

"When they were observed crossing the frontier, the majority of the levies refused to depart, and returned to Syrian territory. One squadron which followed Collet was surrounded by troops guarding the frontier and the Commander, Officer was made prisoner."

"Two French officers who tried to prevent the isolated men from crossing the frontier were killed."

Muslims Show Loyalty
LUCKNOW, May 23 (Reuter).—A crowded meeting of Shias to section of Muslims passed a resolution, day resending the "treachery of Raschid Ali against the Iraqi Government and his declaration of war against the British."

"They reaffirmed their loyalty to the British Government and their belief that the British Government can safeguard the sacred shrines of Iraq."

Colony's Finances
The Colony's assets increased slightly in February, revenue being \$5,021,502 against an expenditure of \$4,695,977 for the month. This brought the balance of assets to \$23,804,470.

The comparative statement of finances for the month is also published. Revenue was up by \$2,000,000 and expenditure increased by nearly the same amount as compared with February, 1940.

Revenue collected from January 1, 1940 totalled \$64,288,663. During the same time expenditure amounted to \$57,575,263. War revenue in February was \$814,194, bringing the total under this heading since the beginning of last year to \$7,506,023.

War expenditure amounted to \$1,472,340 for February, making the total expended on the account since January 1, 1940, \$9,771,924.

Gayda Foresees U.S. Entry Into War

Women's Clubs, representing more than 2,000,000 club women to-day endorsed all out aid for Britain.

The President, Mrs. John Whitehurst, stated that this means they approve whatever aid is necessary—"convoys or sending our boys across the ocean."

Mr. Adolf Beryle, clergyman and lecturer, told the Federation, "we are facing an attempt at military and naval domination of the world by a European power. We have to lay our strength and our ability to act where necessary. This is the only way we can keep ourselves even approximately safe."

British Navy Does Some Great Work

important shield against dive-bombing attacks.

As already announced, the British Navy has frustrated an attempt by a large convoy of German transports to land troops on the shores of Crete.

Further results of the engagement are awaited, but it is known that Italian escort ships were busy picking up survivors.

Defence Reserve Assignments

Mr. F. J. Wilkinson has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. L. Starbuck has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. R. A. Boyd has been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve with effect from May 15.

The following persons have been enrolled in the Key-Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve as from May 23: Messrs C. H. Cammidge, C. W. L. Spradbery and A. C. Trillibee.

Mr. V. V. MacDonnell has been enrolled in the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve as from May 23.

As no nominations have been received, the election by the Justices of the Peace announced to be held in the Urban Council Chamber on May 28 will not take place.

Things Going Well On The Whole

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they had been successful was Malemli aerodrome.

Questioned as to whether the Allied troops were hampered by the absence of air support, the spokesman expressed the view that the main effect of such absence was that it was depressing to be dive-bombed without seeing one's own planes in the air.

Dive-bombing, however, was not so effective against seasoned troops well dug-in as against troops retreating.

Nazis Have Mortars
In some cases, the Germans have automatic weapons, and even small mortars. This makes more difficult the task of driving them out, particularly when they have dug themselves in.

Fighting is particularly hard around Malemli aerodrome.

The Germans are using large quantities of ammunition in repelling attacks, and it seems doubtful whether they can continue at this rate of fire.

The British and Greeks still largely hold the coast and have repelled all attempted landings.

Official Communique
CAIRO, May 23 (Reuter).—A communique by British C.I.C. Middle East, says: "Throughout yesterday, the island of Crete was subjected to intensive attacks interspersed with determined efforts by the Germans to land further troops, both parachute and air-borne."

"The enemy succeeded in obtaining a temporary lodgement at both Heraklion (Candia) and Iktino, but after severe hand-to-hand fighting, the German detachments were accounted for, and the situation in both places is now satisfactory."

"In the Malemli sector, our counter-attack was partially successful, but later in the day it was held up as the enemy have been able to land considerable reinforcements by air in this sector."

Operations are continuing. "As the German losses will show, both the British and Empire forces have never rendered a better account of themselves."

"In the Heraklion sector, the Greek troops also fought with the greatest gallantry."

R.A.F. Successes
CAIRO, May 23 (UP).—The R.A.F. announced to-day that so far, 16 enemy troop carrying planes have been shot down over Crete.

Nazi Troopships Rammed

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intimation that we were in contact with the enemy."

"We altered course and entered the fray. The destroyer's fire was very effective and a great bonfire appeared on the ocean, apparently caused by the merchantman burning from end to end."

"A first ship sighted was an Italian destroyer, but its identity was at first doubtful owing to the similarity to our own single funnelers. But a searchlight picked out her flag and the immaculate paintwork suggesting many months in harbour, thereby confirming she was an Italian."

Torpedoes Launched
"We opened fire with the pom-poms, whereupon the Italian was seen to launch five torpedoes. While we were avoiding them, our fire was masked but another cruiser was able to get a clear sight and gave a full six-inch broadside, all of which seemed to hit."

"A violent explosion occurred, and the destroyer's end was inevitable. Throughout, she never fired her guns."

"The Admiral then led the squadron through what he believed was the middle of the convoy, which proved to consist mainly of sailing hulks. A large number of these were sunk, in addition to the steamer already sunk by a destroyer."

"We sank a small steamer with our main armaments, leaving her burning and heavily down on the water-line."

Some caiques endeavoured to escape attack by hiding the soldiers below the decks and flying the Greek flag, while others retreated with machine-gun and rifle fire.

"We continued to sweep north until no more caiques were picked up by the searchlights."

Calling For Help
"On the subsequent sweep we passed a large number of Germans in the water clinging to wreckage and shouting for help, but the possibility of enemy boats being in the vicinity did not permit our rescuing survivors."

Questioned on the strength of the convoy, the Captain stated that owing to the pitch darkness, it was impossible to estimate accurately, though he thought there were at least 40 caiques carrying about 100 men each, while the small merchantmen were carrying several hundreds and stores."

The action lasted about three hours, so the German casualties must necessarily have been very heavy.

In addition to smashing up the sea-borne attack, the same forces shot down three Junkers 87 dive-bombers during the two days in a prior action. They finally returned safely to their bases, despite incessant dive-bombing. The bombers began at dawn, firing a group of half a dozen and a dozen strong, and effected about 80 attacks.

Another Strategic Retreat

By Japanese

SHANGHAI, May 23 (Reuter).—Japanese Army spokesman, Colonel Akiyama, admitted the recapture by the Chinese troops of Chuking, a strategic city on Chokiang about 125 miles southwest of Shanghai, which was announced in Shanghai yesterday.

The spokesman asserted, however, that the Chinese only entered Chuking when the Japanese withdrew on Wednesday on the completion of their operations there, and when they fell back on positions they had occupied before the recent offensive was launched.

Shansi Fighting
SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH—SHANGHAI, May 23 (Dunell).—Colonel Akiyama, spokesman for the Japanese Army in Shanghai, revealed that during the bloody fighting between the Japanese and Chinese forces in Shansi, the Chinese Communists for the most part remained aloof, occasionally attacking Central Army units.

The spokesman revealed that sweeping successes attended Japanese operations in Shansi resulting in Japanese control of all southern Shansi north of the Yellow River. Full details are not yet available since the mopping-up was still progressing.

"Islands of Communists" may be found in mountains within the Japanese sphere of control, the Army spokesman said.

Manchuwan Reinforcement
Questioned regarding the reports that the Japanese forces from Manchukuo took part in the operations in Shansi, Colonel Akiyama admitted the reports, stating, "That is a military secret which should be kept as secret as the confirmation of the reports that the Soviets moved units of the Red Army to the west."

Repeating the recent heavy campaign in Shansi, Colonel Akiyama announced that 35,000 Chinese troops were dead and 8,000 Chinese were taken prisoner. More than ten high Chinese military officers, all ranking above the Divisional Commander, were dead or taken prisoner, the spokesman asserted.

INOCULATIONS FOR CHOLERA
Valid Certificates

Description of a valid certificate of inoculation against cholera in respect of passengers arriving in Hongkong from Macao is published in the Government Gazette under the Quarantine (Measures on Arrival) Regulations, 1939, for general information.

Under powers conferred by the Regulations, the Director of Medical Services describes a valid certificate of inoculation against cholera in respect of passengers arriving in Hongkong from Macao as one which:

(1) shows that the holder has been inoculated against cholera not less than six days and not more than six months before embarking at Macao for Hongkong;

(2) bears a photograph of the holder attached and chopped with an official seal and worded as follows:

(3) is signed or countersigned by a Government Medical Officer of Macao or by a Health Officer of the Government of Hongkong.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

The week's trading has again been on a moderate scale calling for no particular comment.

London Crofters announce a dividend of 80 cents—the same as last year—payable about 21st prox. Sandakan Lights have entered the list of interim dividend payers, and on 3rd prox., will distribute 40 cents amount six months working up to 31st December last.

Business done during the week
H.K. Banks \$1,310
Union Ins. \$405
Docks \$14.95
Providence \$5, \$10
Lands \$31
Humphreys \$6.40
Trams \$10, \$15.00
Lights "O" \$5.85, 55%
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$21.80
Electricity "N" \$21.74, \$21.05
Electricity Rts \$11.35, 11%
Macao Electricity \$10.10, \$10.15, \$10.10, \$18.94, \$18.00
Telephones "O" \$22.30
Cements \$13.5

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$71
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Hotels \$2.85
Lands \$31
Realities \$2.70
Trams \$15.75
Macao Electricity \$18.50
Entertainments \$0.25

Sellers
Providence \$5.10
Cements \$13.25
Ropes \$7

Sales
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 94.50
Docks \$14.85
Trams \$15.00
Electricity \$11.10

SIMLA, May 23 (Reuter).—The Maharaja of Kashmir who has already four units of the State forces serving outside the State, has offered a fifth for service.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Joint House and Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have agreed on legislation permitting the Government to seize some 80 foreign ships now lying in American harbours.

FITNESS AND GUNNERY

Won Amba Alagi

AMBA ALAGI, May 23 (Reuter).—The British Officer Commanding the forces which attacked Amba Alagi, outlines in a special Order of the Day, the fortnight's operations which were a triumph of manoeuvre and individual gallantry in the face of stiff opposition in precipitous mountain country.

The Order proceeds: "In the early days of the battle, Indian troops, having destroyed strong widely-flung enemy outposts, succeeded in reaching the enemy fortress defences on the north, west and southwest. On the east, too, our forces were gradually closing in."

South Africans
"At this stage, the South Africans arrived from the south and despite the inclement weather, stormed their way up the precipitous heights and finally closed the net around the enemy."

"The stage was now set for the final assault against the enemy's formidable inner defences, but the enemy, appreciating that his position was untenable, decided to capitulate."

"It has been essentially a soldier's and gunner's battle. The victory is mainly attributable to the physique, endurance and skill of the individual soldier and the damaging and demoralising effect on the enemy of our heavy, accurate artillery concentrations."

Pride of Empire
The Order pays tribute to all units and in reference to the South Africans, says: "I want to record my special appreciation of the services rendered by the South Africans and express my pride at having that fine fighting temporarily under my command. The Indian forces hope that they will have the good fortune to fight side by side with the South Africans again."

Government Appointments
Board To Control Rice Monopoly

Mr. H. J. Crutwell has been appointed to be an Assistant Controller of Trade, and Mr. R. D. Walker and Mr. M. J. Barry have been appointed to advise the Controller of Trade in the exercise of his powers under the Defence Regulations 1940 regarding Import and Export Licences.

The following have been appointed Board of Directors to control the rice monopoly: The Hon. the Financial Secretary (Chairman), the Controller of Food, the Rev. Frank Short, Messrs D. C. Edmondston, W. H. Lock, F. C. Hall, Lo Man-nin and S. M. Churn.

Mr. F. C. Barry has been appointed Manager of the Government Rice Monopoly under the direction of the Board.

Mr. G. C. Hamilton and Mr. G. T. Rowe have been appointed Cadet Officers on probation with effect from May 15.

Mr. R. H. Hughes has been appointed a Land Surveyor with effect from May 15.

Mr. M. J. Abbott has been appointed to act as Official Receiver, Registrar of Trade Marks, Registrar of Companies, Deputy Registrar of Supreme Court, Deputy Registrar of Companies and Marshal in Prize, in addition to his other duties, with effect from May 22.

Mr. Abbott resumed duty as Crown Counsel on May 15.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss has been appointed to act as Registrar of Supreme Court, Registrar of Companies, Official Trustee and Official Administrator, in addition to his own duties as Custodian of Enemy Property, with effect from May 22.

Mr. L. W. Hume, has been appointed to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths with effect from May 7.

Anniversary Of German Invasion Of Belgium

The following is the full text of the message sent by Mr. Winston Churchill on May 10, the first anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Belgium, to the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr. Pierlot, and the Belgian reply:

Mr. Churchill stated:—On the anniversary of the day when in violation of the most solemn undertakings the German Government with their armed forces against the territory of Belgium, I wish to acknowledge in the name of His Majesty's Government the effective help which the Belgian Government, the Belgian Empire and the Belgian armed forces and merchant marine, have given to the Allied cause throughout the past year. We remember also your soldiers who resisted the invader, in the battle in Belgium, and who now in their homes oppose the will of the invader. The sympathy and admiration of His Majesty's Government and the British People go out in special measure to the Belgian people now under the cruel Nazi tyranny, who by their courage and endurance daily contribute to the defeat of freedom.

Mr. Pierlot replied:—I thank you most sincerely for the kind thought which prompted your message to me to-day. On this sad anniversary I wish to reaffirm the unshakable resolution of the Belgian people to contribute to the defeat of freedom by their utmost to the victory of our common cause. In union with the Belgians who in the occupied territory are resisting German oppression, the Belgians in all free countries will continue to devote all their strength to the splendid war effort of Great Britain and the Empire. My countrymen are firmly convinced that under your energetic and brilliant leadership the world will witness the triumph of the forces of freedom.

Amusement Centre At Shatin

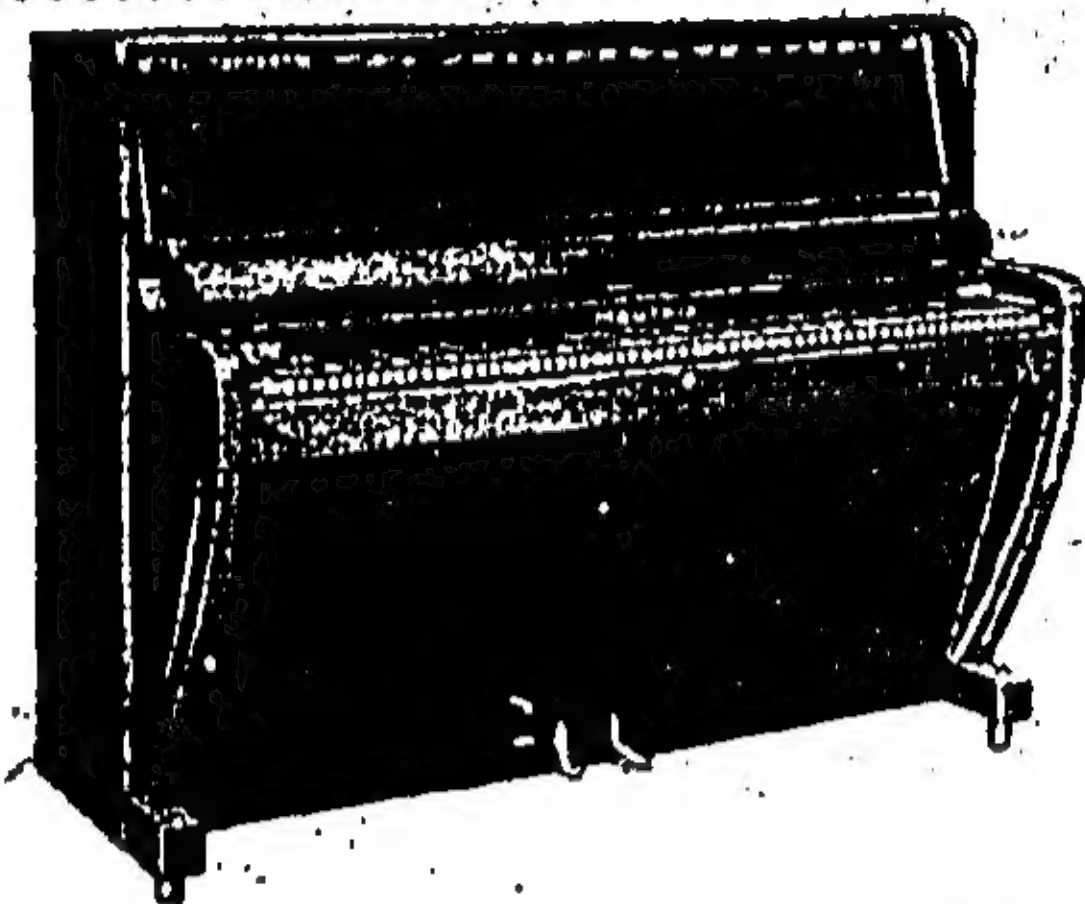
What promises to be an interesting Fern and Amusement Centre for the Colony is being constructed in the country near Shatin.

Both the idea and its execution are novel. While the Centre will give the amenities of city life, it will provide the scenery, the farms, the rivulets, the fruit and vegetable gardens, farm animals and poultry, and a host of other features of country life.

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PURGING THE NAZIS

IN the making of the "new world," of which so much is now being said, what part will the Germans play? Some say that their co-operation is imperative, that you cannot minister to a sick world unless you treat all the world on equal terms. Others say that the Nazi disease is so deep-rooted in the German constitution that no help can be got from that quarter for many a year to come, if ever.

Of the latter way of thinking is an observer who attended the meetings of the International Law Association after the last war. The purpose of the Association was to spread the rule of law among nations, but it was seen from the first that the Germans had no such purpose. And this was long before the baleful designs of the Nazis were in existence. The Germans attended the conferences, not to help, but to hinder. Their one aim was to get some advantage for Germany. They voted solidly to that end, whereas the representatives of other nations spoke with open minds in accordance with the merits of the matter. Later those Germans were bound hand and foot in Nazi chains, with Gestapo spies ever on the watch.

The point this observer makes is that the Germans' black record in brutal aggression has its counterpart in their inherent contempt for and defiance of international law. Until their root principle that might is right is extirpated in the hearts of leaders and people alike, the work of spreading the rule of law must be carried out despite and without Germany.

When we consider the teaching with which the youth of Germany have been saturated for years, it may take a generation before the purging is achieved. Mr Winston Churchill and other British spokesmen have several times expressed the opinion since the start of the war that when Germany has been militarily defeated, the Allies will be willing to permit that nation to take its place in the Councils of the world, but they have insisted, and rightly so, that this will be utterly dependent upon Germany's willing-

Should We Hit Berlin Harder?

By F. C. H. SALUSBURY

ARE we bombing Germany as hard as we should—and could? Many people have asked the question.

Critics are demanding a policy of tit for tat.

They would like a long series of practically indiscriminate raids on Berlin.

Some even hint that a "hidden hand" is responsible for our apparently considerate attitude towards the Germans.

Such criticisms, often so carelessly uttered, amount almost to a motion of lack of confidence in the control of the R.A.F.

I have been investigating the position, and am now able to give the facts.

THERE is no "hidden hand": no influential person who loves the Germans, and blocks our offensive efforts.

We are not bombing Germany as much as we would like for two main reasons:—

(a) We have not yet enough bombers to do so;

(b) The battle of the Atlantic has diverted a proportion of our aircraft from the interior of Germany.

It has always been our policy to direct attacks against those objectives which, in the opinion of the Air Staff, are most valuable, in particular circumstances and at a given time, to the enemy's war effort.

During the present Battle of the Atlantic the very life line of his country is in danger.

It is the business, therefore, of the R.A.F. to assist in this battle so far as it can. Consequently any sort of "vengeance bombing" is completely out.

It is the function of an air force to bring weight to bear at a decisive point.

This point is now made up of anything which contributes to enemy attacks on our life line across the Atlantic.

Also there are the invasion ports which must be attended to from time to time.

Thus it will be seen that the R.A.F., at the moment, has its hands pretty full—and it is doing a magnificent job.

MEANWHILE, it may be said that in recent raids on Berlin our newest and heaviest bombers have taken part and our most deadly bombs have been dropped.

Not only are we now using an increasing quantity of the heavier bombs, but in due course we shall have at our disposal heavier types still.

The heavy bombers now coming into action are faster than ever.

Their speed will offset the shortening hours of the summer nights and enable us to get farther and farther into Germany in the minimum time.

This year there will be a very large expansion—which has already begun—in the strength of our bomber forces.

Colonel Took Major's Wife

A colonel was ordered in the Divorce Court in London recently to pay £800 damages to a major.

Major George Edward Shelley, Grenadier Guards, now employed at the War Office, was granted a decree on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Lieut-Colonel Christopher Ronald Spear.

Mr Justice Hodson said Colonel Spear came home from China, and went to stay with Major and Mrs Shelley at their London house.

He abused the trust placed in him by his brother officer. When this became known to Major Shelley, the shock to him was undoubtedly profound.

ness to overthrow everything connected with Nazism and to embrace as a national policy the principles of international justice and decency which constitute some of the fundamentals of Democracy. Until and unless there is evidence to show that Germany has effected a complete change of heart she cannot hope to enjoy any sympathetic co-operation on the part of the democracies for her resuscitation. The decision will rest entirely with the German people.

German-Soviet Relations Suffer Growing Strain

By C. L. Sulzberger

ISTANBUL, for the Axis. There are reports of what amounts to a pen-sant sit-down strike.

Food is becoming scarcer in Bulgaria, where shortages of meat and cheese are already obvious.

Nazis Need Oil

According to these diplomats Germany is beginning to run short of oil and certain foods, and while the shortage may not be critical before next year, she must acquire full access to granaries and petroleum wells.

The objective in the Mediterranean might be to get oil by taking over Iraq's wells, the pipeline terminating in Syria and Palestine and the Haifa refinery.

Germans and Italians are continuing their occupation of Greek Islands with the apparent aim of capturing Crete and blockading the Turkish coast to place the Germans in a stronger position for an attack against Palestine and a possible occupation of Syria.

Food Situation

The Balkan food situation is bad and this region probably times are not reached the German will not be able to send to Germany the quantity of supplies invasion of Russia. German as in previous years. Greece's officers frequently told the food reserve is running out and the country faces starvation. through Soviet troops "like a knife through cheese" and carve The Serbian part of Yugoslavia via is largely ruined and great of numbers of Yugoslav peasants territories and force a rapid are not ready to till their fields peace.

The Russians always have been aware of such dreams and continue to concentrate troops in the Middle East, Bessarabia, Bukovina and Poland.

Turkey has begun to accelerate defensive preparations to safeguard herself against a surprise from any quarter. While it is not permitted to discuss military matters during the present state of siege in the European part of the country it may be said the training of man power is being considerably speeded up.

President Ismet Inonu arrived in Istanbul recently on a tour of the principal centres. At the same time the partial evacuation of this city of 800,000 commenced. Two Turkish steamers left with refugees sent at government expense to Anatolia.

Something Brewing

The British colony was again advised by the embassy to quit European Turkey. Socony, Shell and other important companies are taking steps to transfer their offices.

There is no indication of Berlin's plans regarding Turkey, but Ankara expects to be prepared. There is every indication that Germany is trying to instill nervousness.

It is evident that Germany has some big plans for the Middle East. Unusual numbers of those easily recognisable young Nazi "tourists" have been filtering into Turkey and Iran.

Wartime Conditions Of Chinese Universities

THE story of the indestructible spirit of learning in China was told by the Rev. E. R. Hughes, M.A., Reader in Chinese, Oxford University, at the China Institute in London at a recent meeting.

Mr. Hughes said that when the war started in 1937 there were 108 universities and 42,000 students. Seventy-seven out of the 108 had been forced to evacuate, and in some cases students had taken their books and equipment with them on their trek to safety. The thoroughness of the Japanese in destroying universities was illustrated in one instance where, after reducing the building to ruins by bombs, a land mine was put down, and kerosene poured on the debris.

Of the universities forced to evacuate, 17 had gone to Hunan and Szechuan, 15 to the South-west Provinces, two to Shansi and Kansu, and 18 to the more remote provinces. Two universities were in Japan-controlled territory, namely the Catholic University in Peiping and the Yenching University. At the moment it was impossible to estimate the loss to libraries and laboratory equipment, but it must be enormous.

HEIRESS ISLAND "QUEEN"

Betty Carstairs, speed-boat "ace" and heiress to a million-pounds Standard Oil fortune, who recently offered the use of her yacht to the Duke of Windsor, is "Queen" of a Bahamas island.

Betty has driven a taxi in Brighton, run a bar in Lowestoft, stalked tigers in India, and had her arms tattooed.

She is the boss of 3,000 acres of converted wilderness and 500 Negroes.

She bought the island in 1933 when she felt bored, for £8,000. She thought it might be a treasure island.

Rich Fields

It turned out to be barren and bleak, with only two inhabitants whose job was to look after a nearby lighthouse.

To-day there is a regal Carstairs mansion, a church, a coconut palm grove, smooth white roads and houses for the coloured folk she recruited.

Every day, dressed in dungarees, with a great knife in her belt, Betty tours the island at breakneck speed on a motorcycle.

She has coaxed papayas, beet, celery, carrots, and cucumbers from reluctant soil, and converted swampland into rice fields.

The strain on the communications of the country with these large evacuations was very large. When the Tsinghua University started on its second trek, only 500 professors and students, mostly women, could be accommodated by train and steamer. The rest commenced a march of 1,130 miles, which took 60 days.

Help From Abroad

Formerly professors received quite a good stipend, but reductions had been made. The Government now taking 30 percent. Many students, through war conditions, found themselves unable to continue their studies, and here the Government made an allowance, which of necessity was low. The American Y.M.C.A. and the International Student Service had contributed help in this direction.

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SMILE, PLEASE!

A FIRST NIGHT
IN HOLLYWOOD



A beautiful blonde is better than a dummy. Edgar Bergen (above) leaves the famous Charlie McCarthy at home and takes Joan Valerio to the premiere. In centre, Bette Davis arrives with her mother and her cousin, John Favor. Below, you see Herbert Marshall with his wife, Lee Russel, and a friend, Jean Megulesco.



Thirty-four-year-old Bruce Cabot, seen above with Judy Ford, was boxer, navy, sailor and night club owner before going into films. The topmost picture shows the large crowd assembled outside the theatre, seeking a glimpse of famous stars. In the crush, they may see only the back of a policeman's neck—but still they come!

WHEN searchlights pierce the Hollywood skies it is a sign that a Hollywood film premiere is on. An expensive new movie is being officially and elaborately screened for the first time.

It is Hollywood's own show, a splendid affair, the biggest, brightest, most ballyhooed social event in the film city. At no other time are so many stars, celebrities, bright lights, loud-speakers or policemen gathered together; nor such a large public, crowding grandstands erected for the occasion, filling the streets, gaping at every swish of ermine, every flash of sequins, cheering every expanse of teeth. The stars are on show, dressed to kill, for the benefit of their public and the Press photographers, who take record numbers of photographs which never get published.

A big picture may take anything from three months to a year to make, during which time thousands of people directly and indirectly are working on it. The Hollywood first night of the picture is their day of glory. Then, the stage is theirs. It is the only time the people who made the picture come face to face with their work.

It is not the first time the picture has been seen, for it is the practice of the film industry to hold so-called "sneak previews" in out-of-town cinemas before the official premiere. The reaction of the audience is care-



fully charted, and further adjustments are made before the editing of the picture is completed.

But the Hollywood premiere is the first official screening, and generally the "world premiere." In reality, it is the last night most of the people will have anything to do with the picture, for its screening means that their work is done, and the picture is ready for release to the great film public.

Most nerve-wracking is the stars' ordeal, as they parade. Many who think that they are on the top are sorely disappointed when they hear from faint cheering that their following has dropped.

Who arrives with whom, who snubs whom, provides gossip material for the fan magazines for weeks to come. Some celebrities come only for the parade, to be photographed, to be applauded, making a hurried exit from the back door. Others join parties in private rooms because they have already seen the picture too many times. But for many, it is a new thrill, gaining in value for all the showmanship that has gone into this single presentation.

Most of the stars love premieres, though some, like John Barrymore, treat them as boring events. Most carefree and easy-going of all are Clark Gable and Carole Lombard who appear to enjoy every moment.

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THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND**MYRNA LOY** has the quality known as insouciance—carelessness, indifference, unconcern, says the dictionary.

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When the dialogue is snappy and the theme fluffy, as it is in "Third Finger, Left Hand," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra, Myrna adds a good fifty per cent. to the charm of the piece by those unwritten lines dictated by her eyes.

She has the soft answer that turneth away criticism.

That ring on the third finger of the left hand, says she, is what keeps a girl in a good job.

She is editress of a society magazine, and she pretends to be married, so that the boss's wife won't think her a menace to her husband and give her the sack.

When she meets Jeff Thompson the artist (Melvyn Douglas) and he falls in love with her, the pretence of having a husband in Rio leads her into serious complications.

For laughs, nonsense, soft answers and turned-away wrath this picture should be awarded considerable marks. It is a delightful, thoroughly entertaining show, and makes you feel that a little insouciance goes a long way in these times—that is, while Myrna is in charge of it.

Young Stars
Take Voice
Training

By James Arthur

With the trend in film entertainment inclining more and more toward musicals, Hollywood is preparing its players by an intensive drive on voice culture. There are dozens of musical films in preparation, and dozens of young artists getting ready to lend their talents. Hollywood, in fact, is building up its "voice reserve."

All newcomers with voice possibilities are being trained, and even those who are already established singers take daily coaching in every type of music from opera to "swing."

Douglas McPhail has often been heard on the screen. His largest role to date is the romantic lead opposite Judy Garland. He is an accepted singer, yet he has a daily lesson in the music department. When he is working in a film, he spends his lunch hour with the coach. "It's the greatest opportunity I've ever had," McPhail says. "And I certainly mean to take advantage of it."

Radio broadcasts are thoroughly scouted by the studios and all young artists carefully listed. From radio came Charles Hollar, the Negro tenor, who sings in a new Frank Morgan picture.

John Carroll has not yet sung on the screen but he is another member of the voice reserve society. He, too, has a daily lesson. Recently he made a test, one of the most complete of its kind ever filmed. In it he sang every type of song. He "crooned," he sang "jazz," and finished with an operatic aria.

When Mary Howard was given her contract, she asked if she could take voice lessons. She had never sung before but, knowing how important it might be to her later on, she wanted to learn. At first she despaired. She even had difficulty carrying a tune. But she persisted. The voice teacher gave her instruction and the coaches showed her how to read music. Her coach says she has made great strides, and will one day be able to take her place with the best of them.

Probably one of the most remarkable young voices is that of Kathryn Grayson. She has not yet appeared on the screen. She has been preparing for six months. It was her voice teacher who brought her to the studio's attention. After the audition, both teacher and pupil were signed, in her first test Kathryn sang both popular and operatic numbers.

Virginia O'Brien is an entirely different type. She plays strictly for comedy, is known as "the dead pan singer." And although she specializes, she is being coached in other types of music. Versatility is deemed tremendously important.

Hudson's Bay

The romantic history of the Hudson's Bay Company, the founding of which in the reign of Charles II supplies the subject of this spectacular film, offers great scope to an imaginative producer. The theme of a struggle against seemingly unsurmountable odds is always interesting, particularly when it is handled in the purely pictorial sense.

In "Hudson's Bay," now showing at the King's, fact and fiction are welded into a smooth-running story alive with elements of mental and physical conflict.

Paul Muni adds another accomplishment to his long list of unusual character parts as the trapper, Pierre Radisson, whose dream of an expedition to Hudson's Bay for furs is here depicted, with its practical difficulties, its heartbreak and its final success.

Muni plays the role on flamboyant lines, delivering a number of long speeches with oratorical fervour. Good as he is, as always, the acting honours really go to Morton Lowry in the role of long speeches with oratorical fervour. Good as he is, as always, the acting honours really go to Morton Lowry in the role of long speeches with oratorical fervour.

All the other parts are well handled, and Gene Tierney, as a lady of quality, is particularly effective. She is the young actress who gave such fine work as the effusive girl reporter in "The Return of Frank James," and she has done so well with her short experience that she has been starred in the film version of "Tobacco Road," soon to be seen in the Colony.

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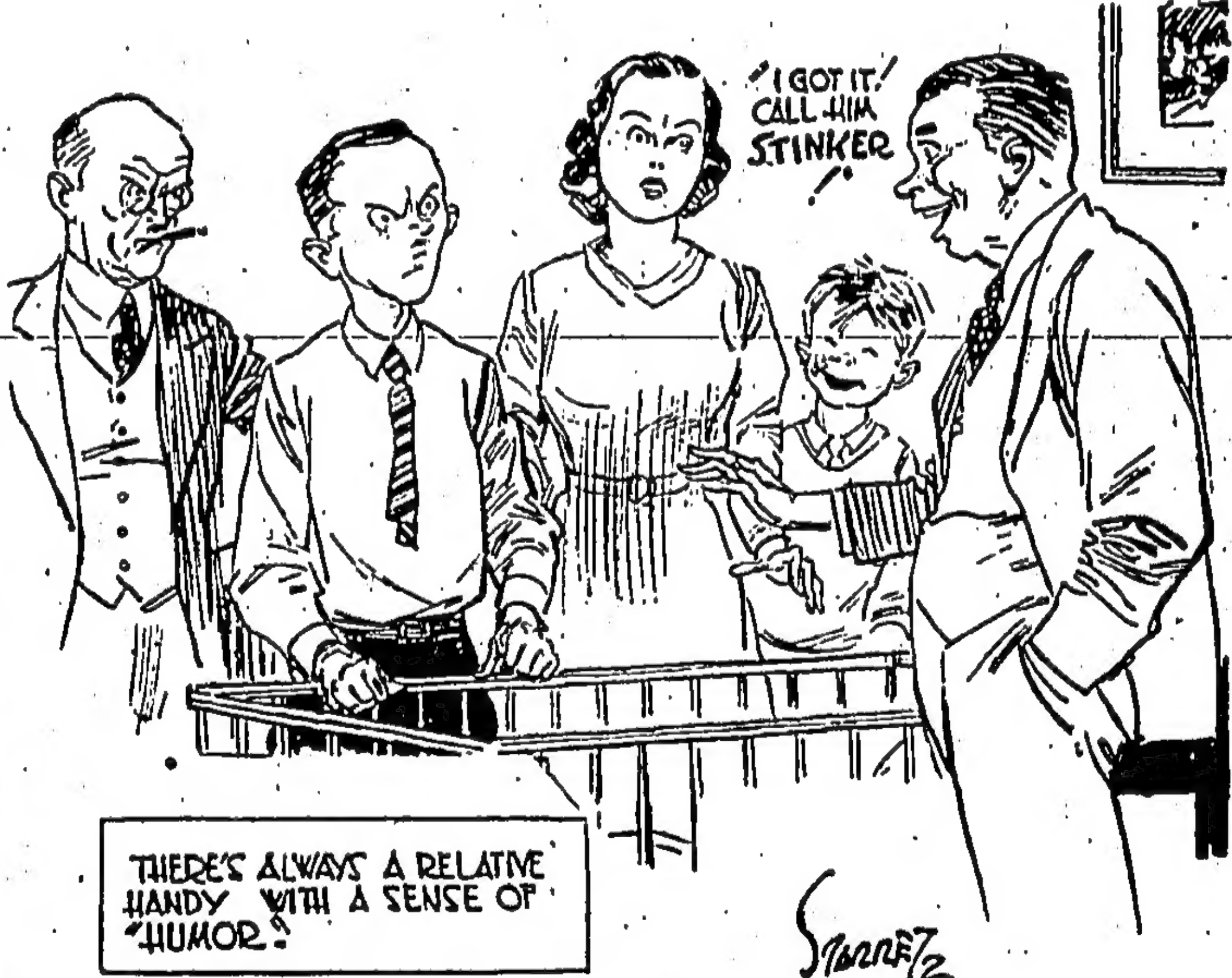
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BY KEMP STARRETT

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ENTERTAINED AT DANCE—Barbara, Donald, Molly and Gerald Soong, children of Mrs Elsie Lee Soong, presented a "Gay Nineties" number at the dance held at the Hongkong Hotel last Saturday under the auspices of the Chinese Australian Association, and were very well received. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)



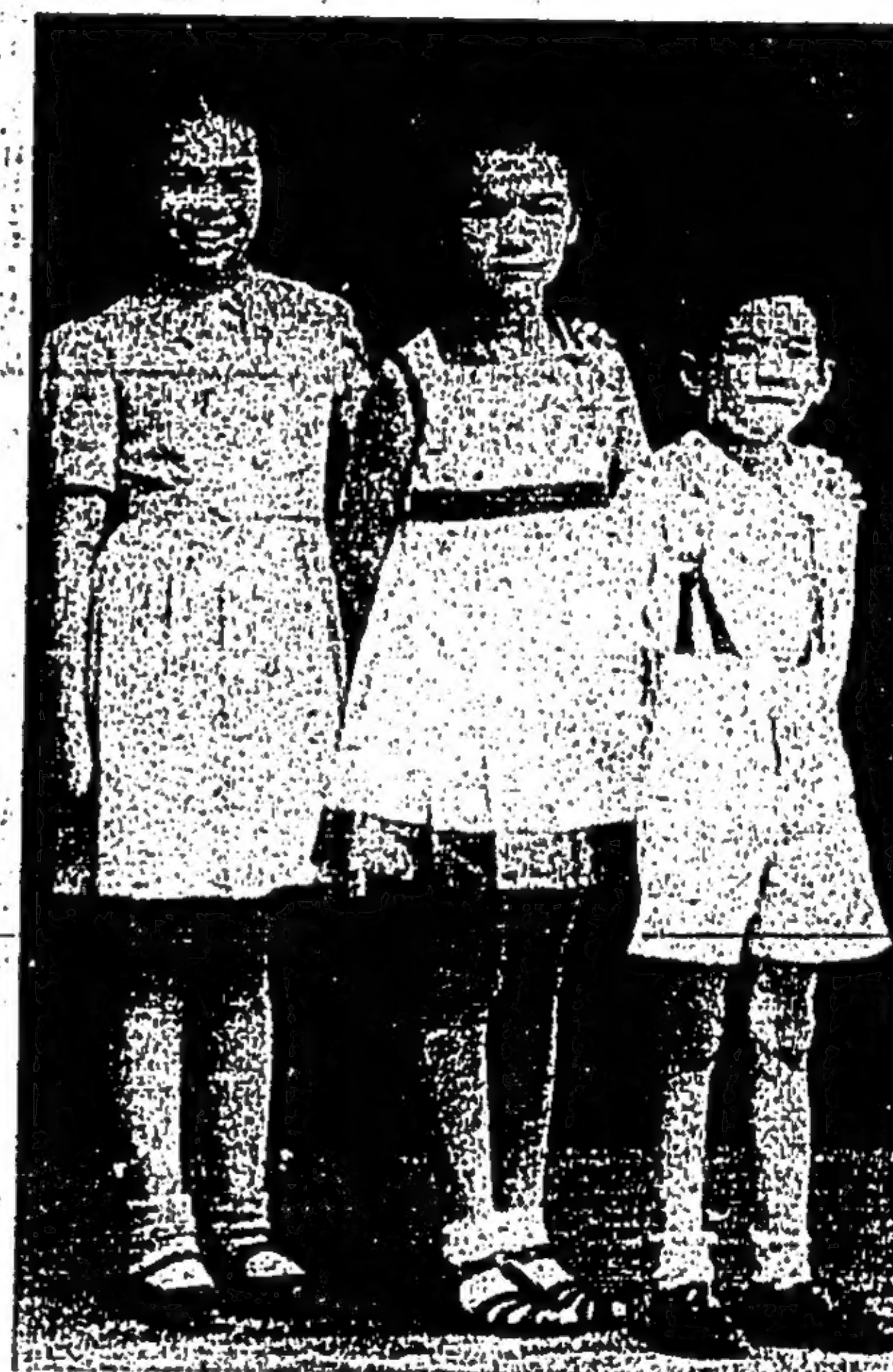
THREE JUDGES—His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, and Mr Justice P. E. F. Crossall, photographed at the Races recently with Mr Percy Tester (centre) official judge of the Hongkong Jockey Club. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



CHINESE AUSTRALIAN DANCE—Mr Choy Hing (fourth from left), President of the Chinese Australian Association, and guests at the dance last Saturday. Others in the party are Mr and Mrs J. T. Choy, Mr and Mrs A. V. Wong, Mr Wen Yuan-ning, Mrs Irene Law and Mrs Alice Chow. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC SUCCESSES—Above left: Master Leslie Luoy, pupil of Mr Raymond Huang, who gained honours in the Junior Division for violin; right: Miss Jonnie Wong Kook-ying, pupil of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who obtained 83 marks in the Advanced Senior Division. Below: Fanny and Joe Chan, pupils of the Canossian Convent, who obtained Honours in the Preparatory and Initial Divisions.



HONOURS were secured by Lillian Izatt, Dawn Mary Rose and Charles Izatt, pupils of Miss D. Stone, in the recent Trinity College of Music examinations. The two girls were successful in the Preparatory Division, and Master Izatt in the First Steps Division. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



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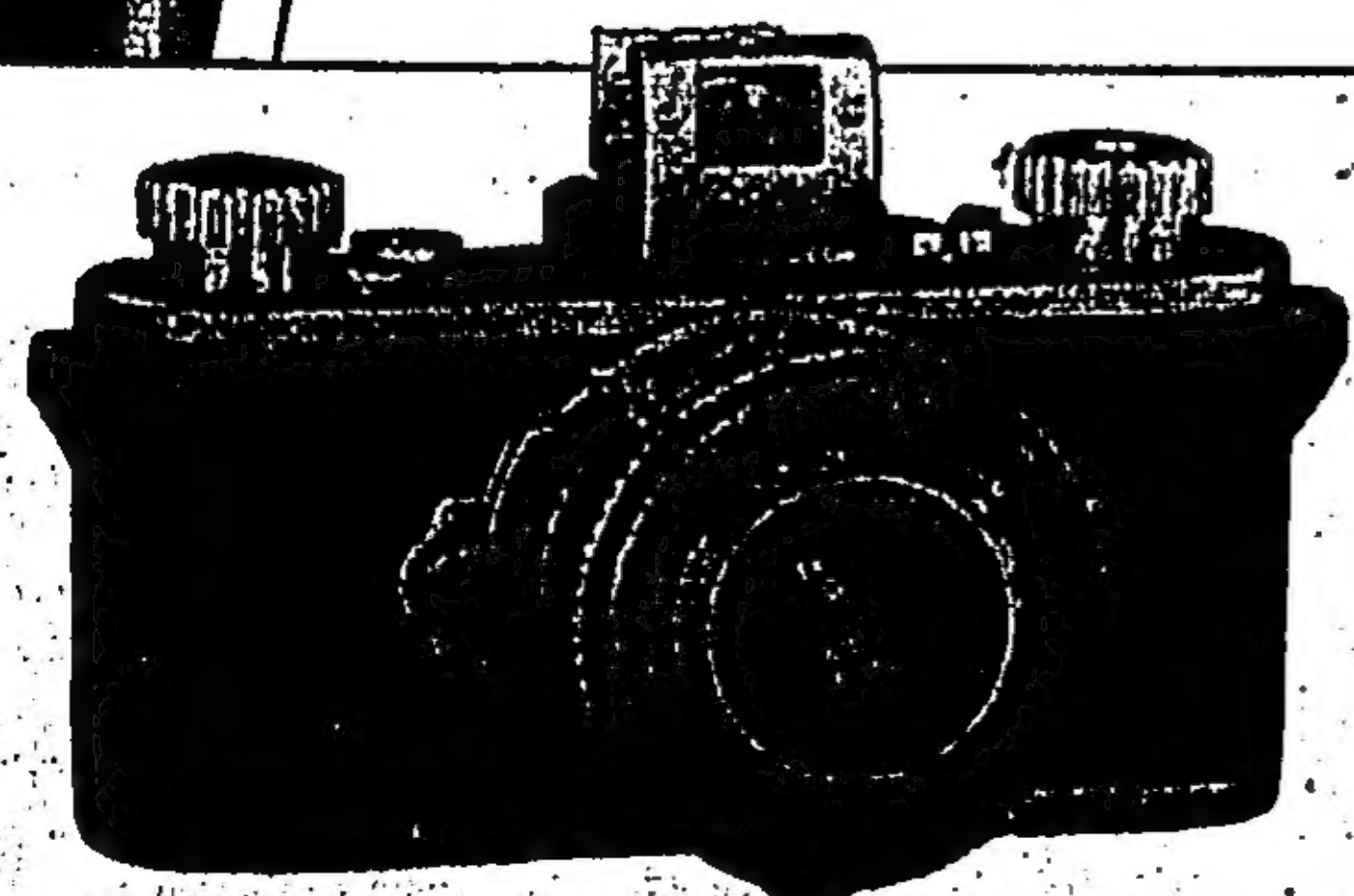
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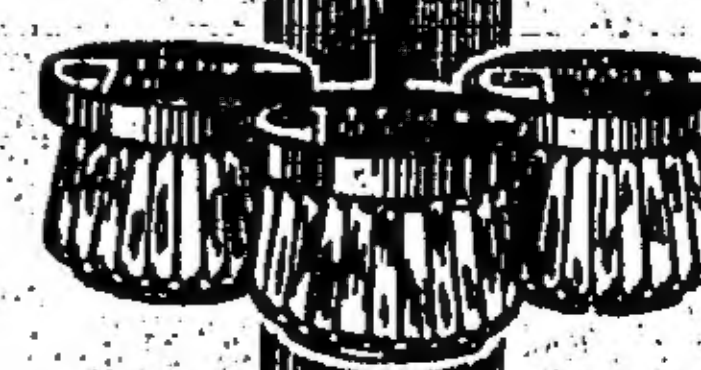
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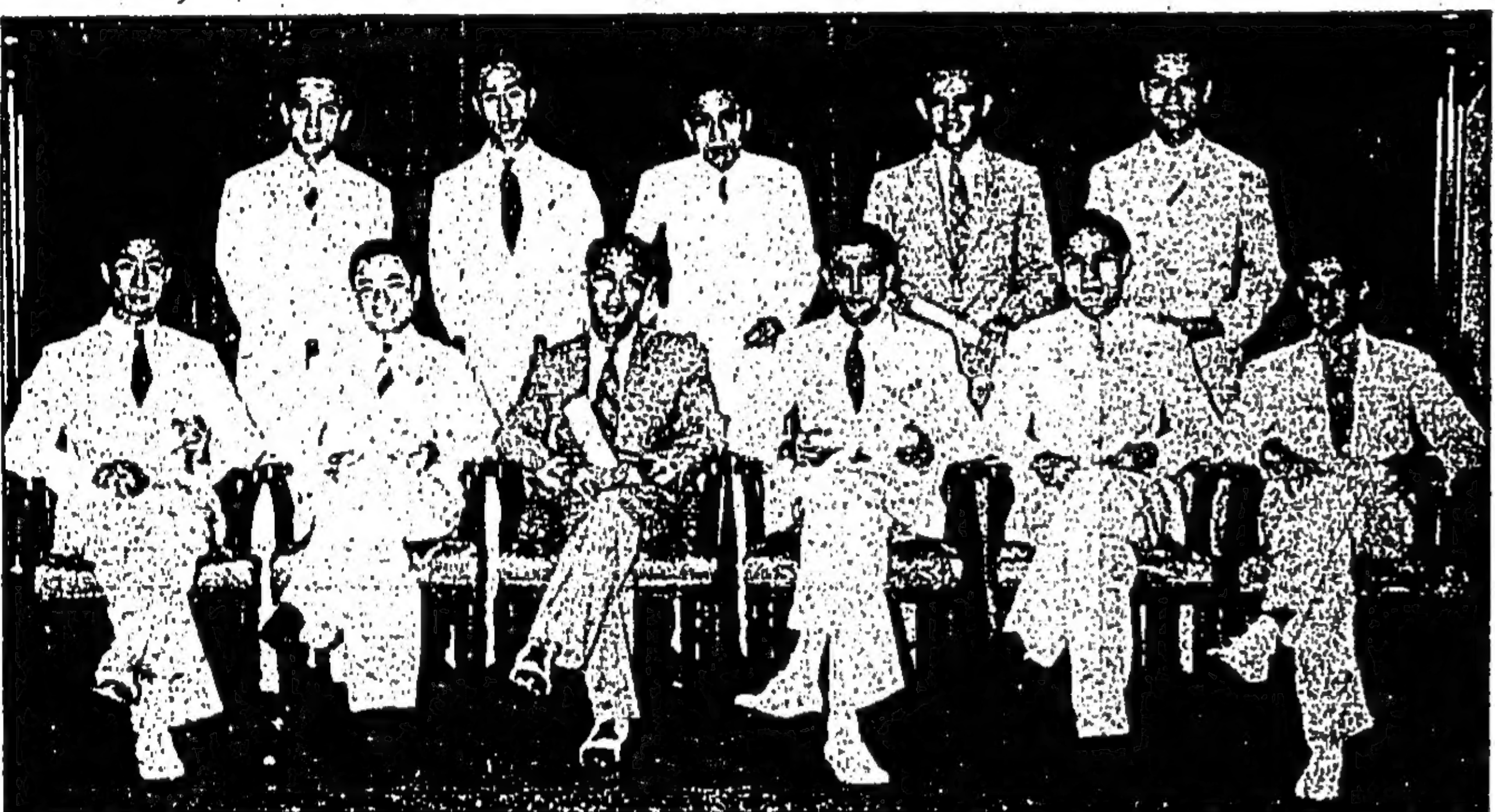
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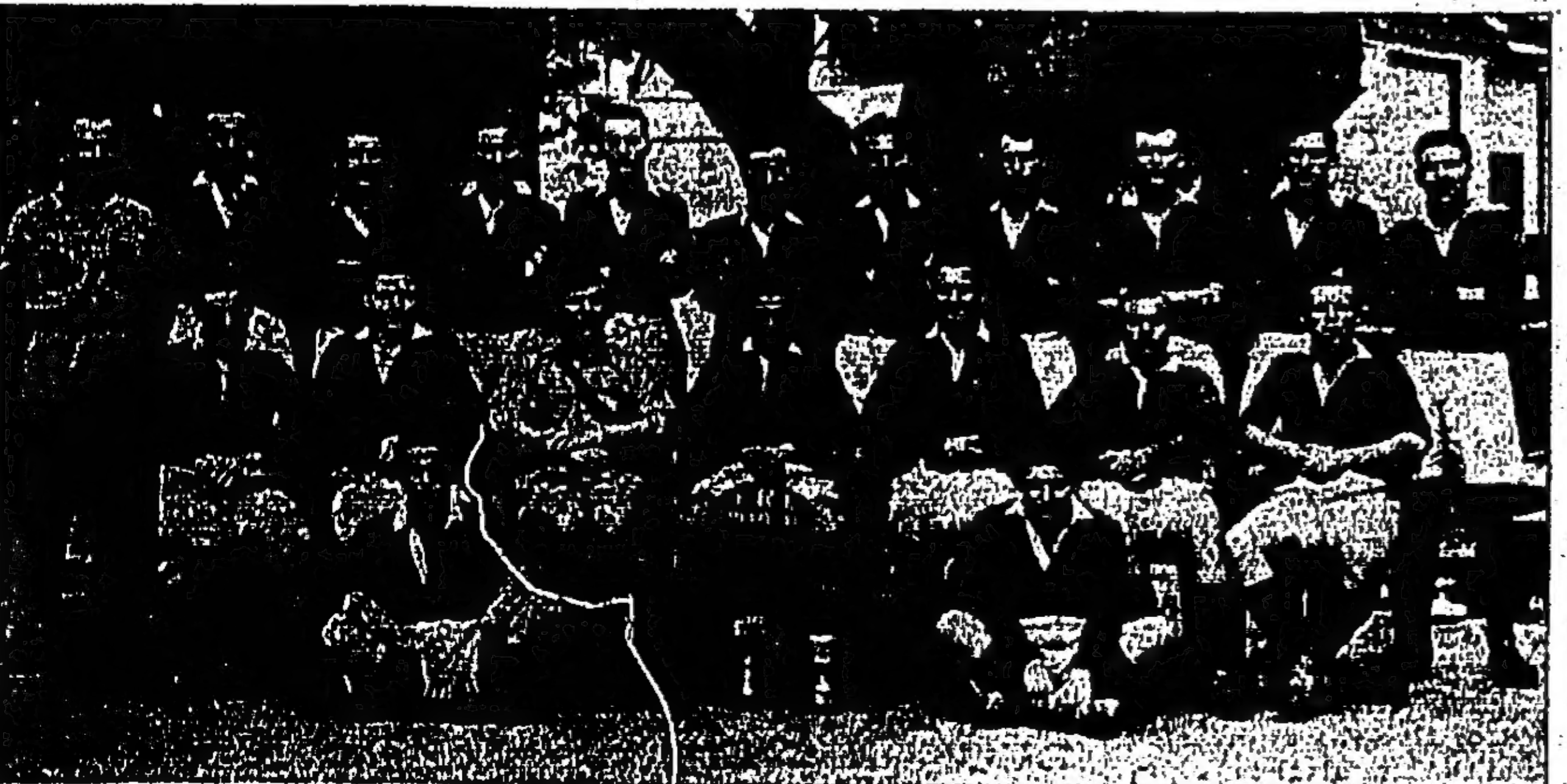
MR CLARENCE E. GAUSS, the newly-appointed United States Ambassador to China, speaking at the dinner given in his honour on Monday at the Chinese Merchants' Club by the Sino-American Cultural Association. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



FLYING SCHOOL GRADUATES—Students of the Far East Flying Training School who received their diplomas at the presentation last week at the Peninsula Hotel. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH last week, Miss Mary Tsai-ching Yao was married to Mr Tsang Hin-ho. Picture taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)



ROYAL ENGINEERS' RUGBY TEAM, winners of the Army Small Units, Army Large Units and Army Seven-a-side competitions for 1940-41. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A.R.P. SHIELD WINNERS—Members of District "D." Yaumati Division, of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens, who won the Inter-District Shield presented by Mr Tsang Yung. In centre is District Warden P. A. Dixon, and on his right Divisional Warden C. P. Murphy.

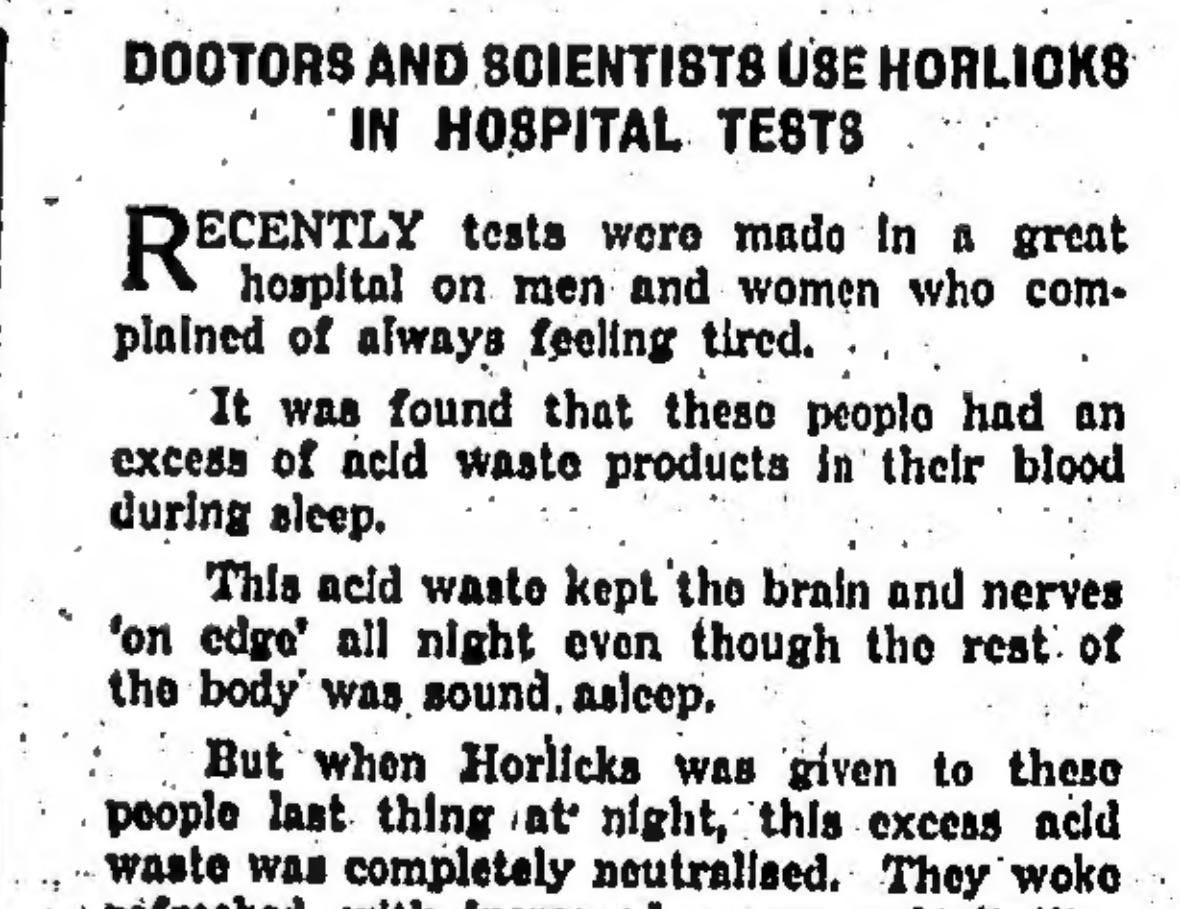
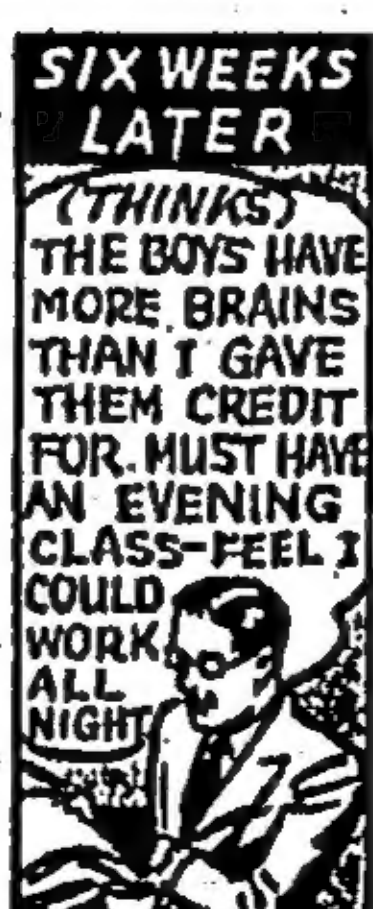
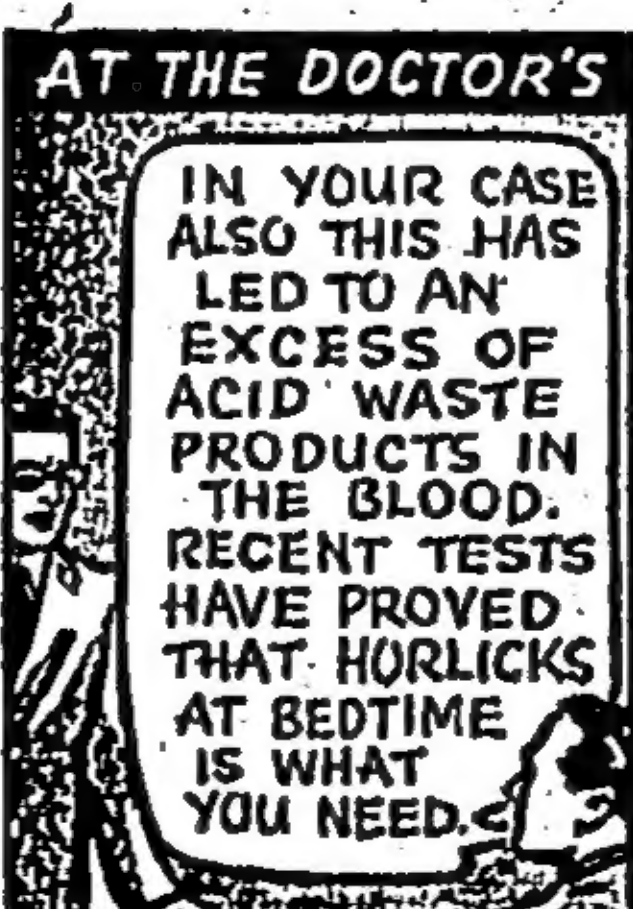
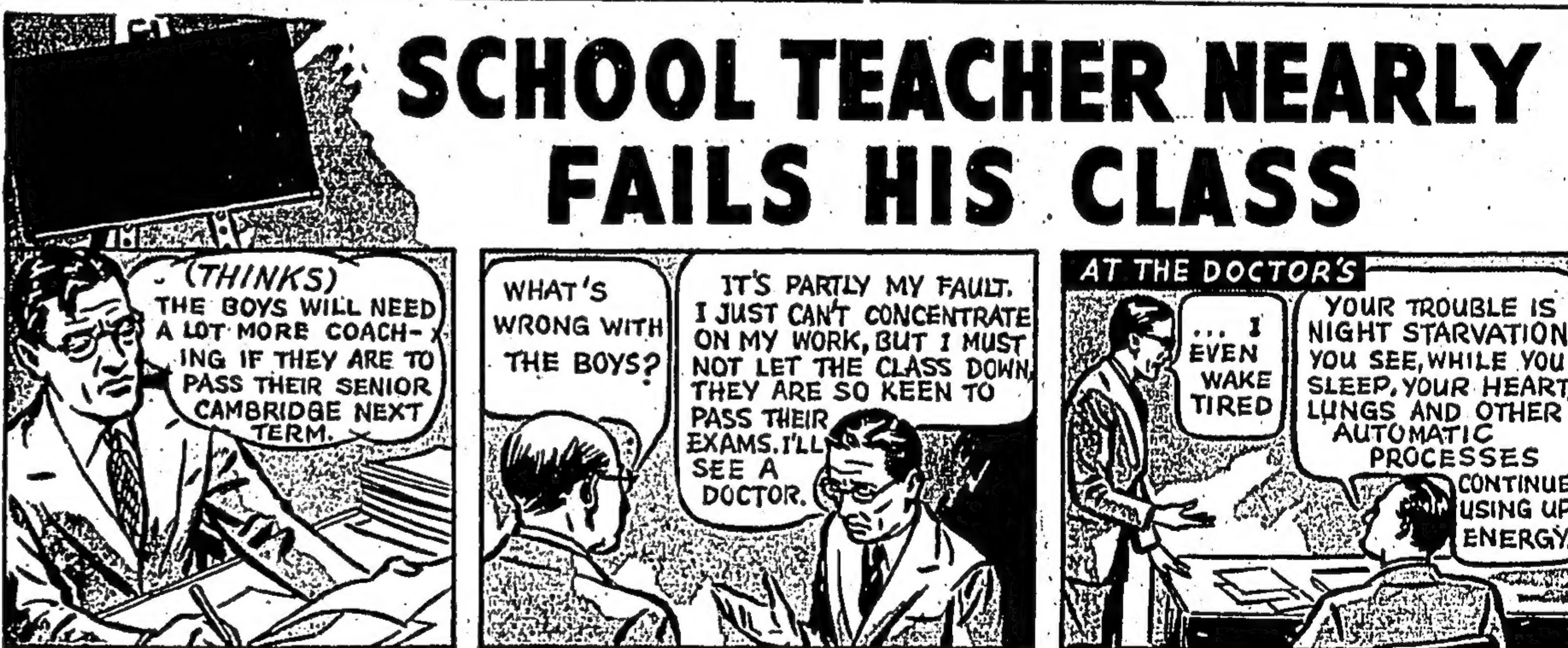


IP-FUNG WEDDING—Photograph taken after the wedding on Monday at the Bishop's Chapel of Dr Ip Kung-chiu and Miss May Fung. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MISS ALMA TO, daughter of Dr and Mrs Herbert To, of Hongkong was married in Shanghai recently to Mr Ji-Ming Wu. Bridal picture shows the happy couple with their attendants.

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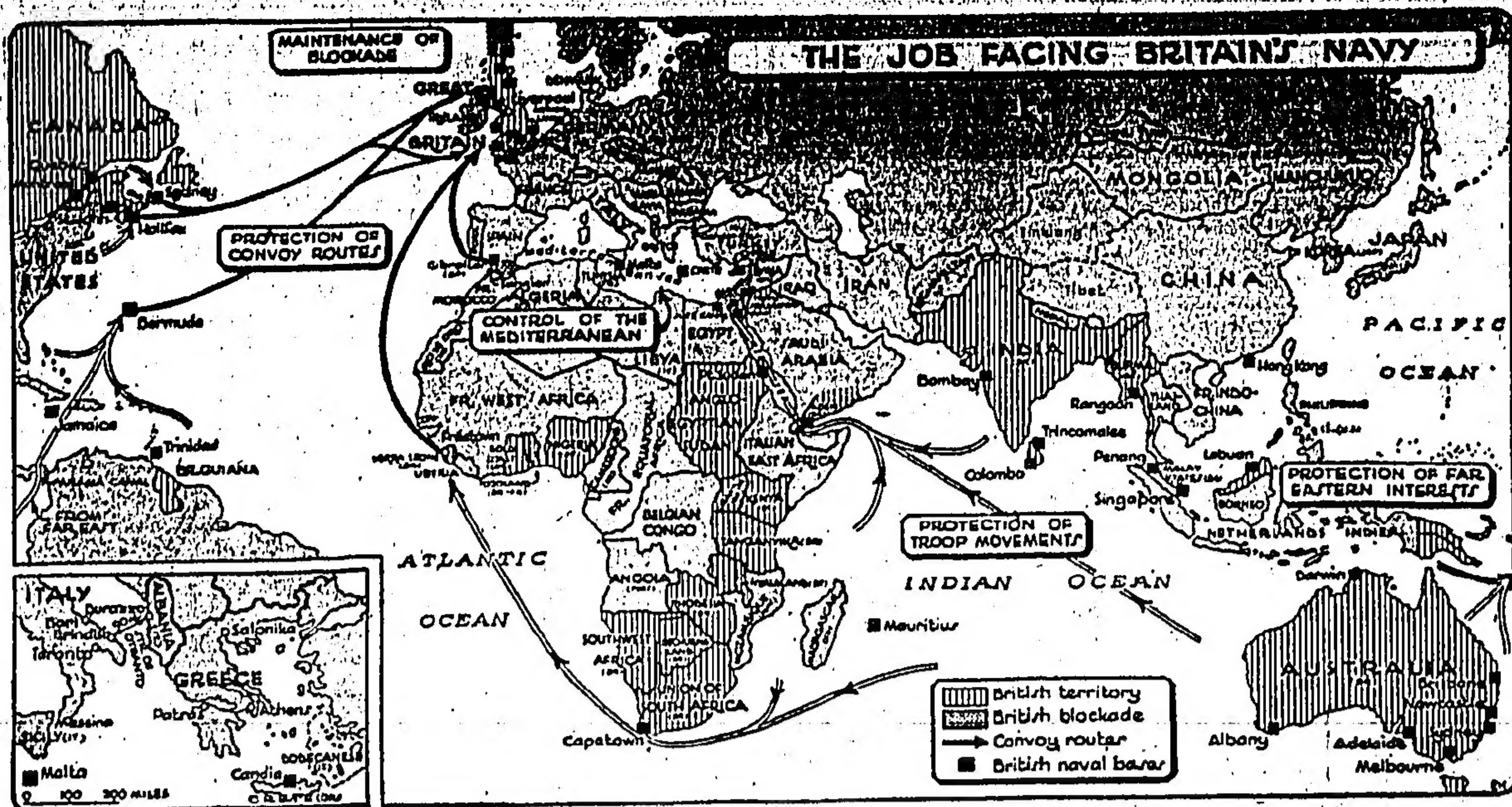
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EXILE IN A NEW WORLD

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

Miss Friedelinde Wagner, grand-daughter of the immortal Richard, is no longer an interned prisoner in England. She is on the seas en route to Buenos Aires and running the gauntlet of the submarine manned by her countrymen.

When Miss Wagner reaches Buenos Aires she will presumably take on her duties as an assistant director of the opera, a post which has been arranged for her by Signor Toscanini. Miss Wagner is only 22 years of age but she is a most determined and opinionated young woman who has had much to do with the management of the Bayreuth Festivals. I predict a Wagner boom in South America.

Her sailing from England's shores ends my personal association with her and also is the last chapter of an almost unbelievable story. I met her two years before the war in London when she expressed the most bitter hostility towards Hitler although the Wagner family had been his greatest friends. In fact it was her father, Siegfried Wagner, and his wife who supplied Hitler with the ink and paper on which he wrote that adolescent triumph "Mein Kampf."

Friedelinde was a great favourite of his and she worshipped him until he became the Fuehrer, when she came to the conclusion that he was the evil genius of Germany.

When the war broke out she was living in Switzerland, having refused to stay in Germany under Hitler. She then wrote to me suggesting that she should come to England and do anti-Hitler propaganda. After months of delay between the French and British Foreign Offices I succeeded in bringing her to London where she wrote a brilliant series of articles for the "Daily Sketch" exposing the real nature of Hitler.

Then in June last year came the invasion scare and all enemy aliens were rounded up. Then Toscanini in New York cabled the money to send her to the Argentine. The Government decided to review her case, and not long ago I went to see her to wish her good-bye.

"Do you regret having turned against Hitler?" I asked. "Not at all" she said. "I have been treated well by the British authorities and, after all, they had to intern us all."

It is a queer story but then she is a grand-daughter of the man who burned his own opera house to prevent the Prussians using it as a protection to fire against the rebels of Dresden. He was an exile from Germany for 12 years with a price on his head. Friedelinde is an exile too, but on her way to the kindly new world of the Americas. It is a story which Richard Wagner himself would not have despised to use as the theme of one of his operas.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

ROBERT DELL, who died last year, was long known as one of the most brilliant of modern foreign correspondents. His courage, his knowledge, his incisiveness of phrase won him an enviable reputation even among those who have sometimes differed from his judgment of events. The phrase "the acid test" has become a cliché, but it might truly be said of Dell that he was a journalist with an unequalled gift for applying the acid test to the policies and personalities of the leading statesmen of Europe.

In "THE GENEVA RACKET" (Hale, 1938) he has written a bitter indictment of the politicians who wrecked the League of Nations and who, in his view, between the Abyssinian crisis and the Munich agreement, made a European war inevitable.

He is particularly critical of the part English statesmen played in the failure to check Mussolini at the time of the aggression in Abyssinia. Historians will probably argue for generations to come over the apportionment of blame between England and France for the failure to make sanctions real. From any point of view, however, the failure even to recognise the possibilities of the League of Nations as an instrument of collective security was disastrous and it is easy to understand the passion with which Dell writes that "from the first the conduct of the British Government about the Ethiopian affair was an imposture—one of the greatest political impostures in history."

Dell, however, is critical of the constitution of the League of Nations, as well as of the conduct of the Great Powers represented on it. He holds that no League can be efficient till the various nations renounce their insistence on absolute national sovereignty.

His book is all the more impressive and exciting because it is the work

of one who was not merely a political theorist but a man on the spot observing events through all his senses. "Geneva Racket" has the double interest of history and of a personal narrative.

FICTION

WARD LOCK'S COLONIAL LIBRARY. BLUE PETE, REBEL. By Luke Allan. Jenkins' Colonial Library.

Blue Pete, that enigmatic half-breed, is not up to his usual high standard in Mr Allan's latest story, which deals with rustling on the Canadian side of the border. Maybe being married has got him down, like many a good man before him, but he takes a long time to bring the rustlers to justice and nearly gets himself killed in the process. Pete's efforts to prove that he is not a rustler himself are sadly worrying to his good friend, Sergeant Mahon. For ways that are dark, Pete quite equals anything of Bret Harte.

CAPTURE. By Wyndham Martin. Jenkins' Colonial Library.

"CAPTURE" is another spy story, not quite so soundly constructed and well written as "Enter a Spy", perhaps, but nevertheless full of thrills and exciting situations. Christopher Bond fills the chief role, and proves a match for the most astute and beautiful of enemy agents. This debonair and attractive character has appeared in several of Mr Martin's successful thrillers.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

Every day of the week is set apart as the Sabbath by some religion. Can you name them?

Is saccharin sweeter than sugar?

In what month last year did the Petain government sign an armistice with Germany?

One who has histrionic training is a (a) history teacher (b) actor (c) economist (d) dancer (e) writer.

Deaf mutes communicate with each other through an alphabet known as (a) menology (b) myology (c) dactylology (d) phraseology (e) horology.

Winston Churchill was born in 1874. Who was Prime Minister then?

Can you give the pseudonyms for (a) Louise de la Ramee (b) Caroline Cody (c) Marion Evans (d) Arthur Ward (e) S. L. Clemens?

What is referred to as the Roof of the World?

If you had to measure the thickness of an object you would use a (a) calorimeter (b) callopo (c) caliph (d) calliper.

When was the War of Jenkins's Ear fought, and between whom?

Answers on Page 12.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

STUNT PICTURES



This is a simple but interesting "stunt" shot—fun to take. How to get such shots is explained below.

EVERY now and then, a stunt picture adds variety to the camera hobby. Of course, you don't want a regular diet of them. But it's fun to have a few in the album—shots that make people say, "For goodness sake! How did you get that one? It's certainly a clever shot!"

The picture above is a fine example of a "stunt shot"—and yet, it was really quite easy to take. The girls simply stood in a circle, then bent over and put their heads together, like a football huddle. The camera was on the floor, focused for a closeup, and pointing straight upward. For light, a small flash bulb was placed beside the camera, and the exposure was made by the simple "open the shutter, flash the bulb, close the shutter" method. It could probably have been taken just as easily by having two flood lights on each side of the floor, one on either side of the camera.

This is an "up angle" stunt shot, but you could also turn things right around and take a "straight down" shot—maybe from the upper stairway landing—that would be just as interesting.

Another stunt that provides lots of fun is to have part of a subject too close to the camera so that it

shows up too large . . . being careful, of course, not to hurt anybody's feelings. Doubtless you have seen pictures of a person sitting on a bench, with his feet toward the camera so that they were several sizes over normal. That's "old stuff" now—but try it with a subject's hand. Have him feigning the camera, or making a speech and gesturing toward the camera—or put a boxing glove on him and have him pretend to take a poke at the camera. With the hand about two feet from the camera, the subject himself can be about four feet back, and appear much smaller. You must use a very small lens opening, but even if the hand is a little out of focus, the effect is still interesting.

One of the most mystifying stunts is to show an object floating in air. This is easy indoors. You just hang up the object by a black thread, and light it with a photo lamp. Then you place a piece of cardboard a foot or two in front of the light, high enough so it just shades the object but doesn't shade the subject. And the thread is then "lost" against the shadows in the background—it isn't even there.

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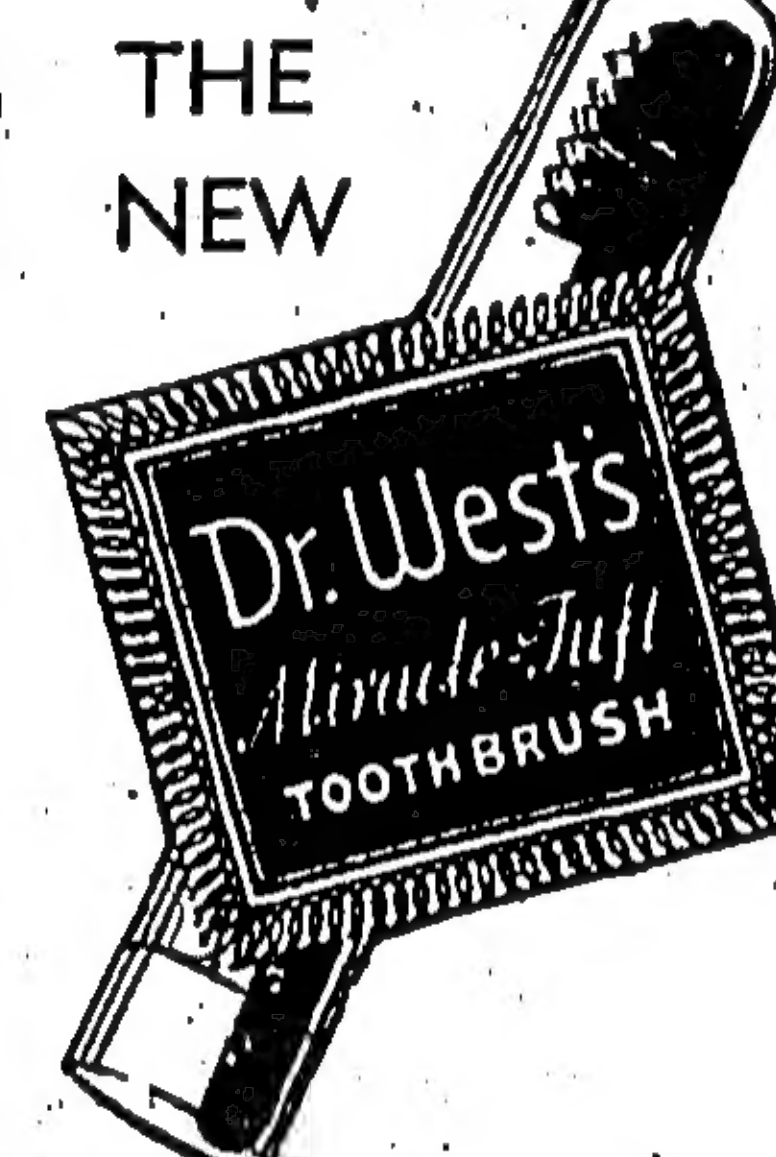
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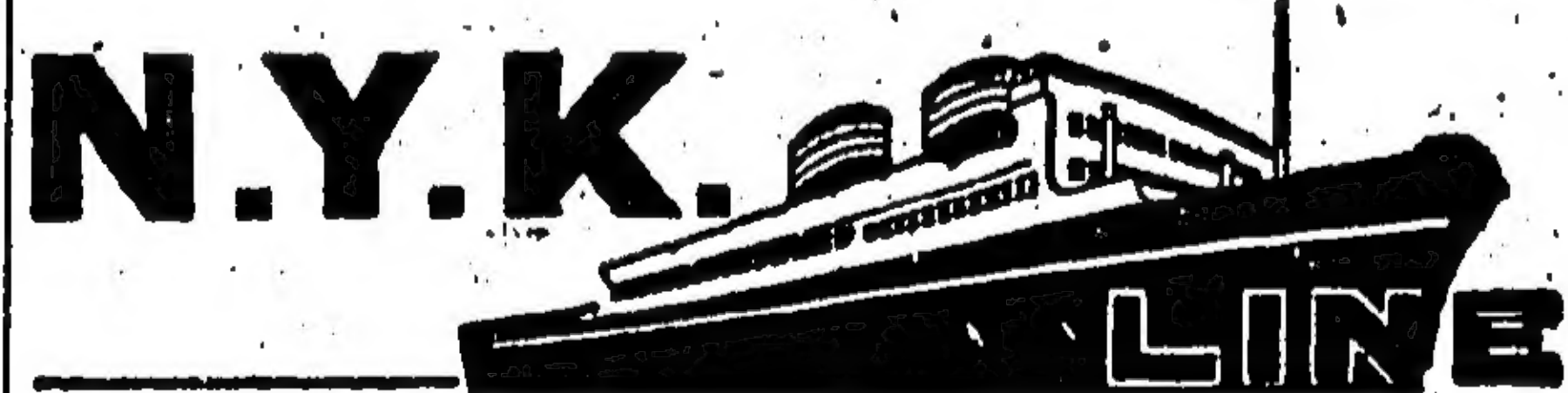
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CURRENT COMMENT . . . By Scrutineer

German infiltration into Morocco, announced by the B.B.C. on Thursday follows the usual course. It consists of a large number of tourists whom Lucio describes in the "Manchester Guardian" in these words:

"The Boche as a tourist is one of the poorest. Exponents of travelling light. His baggage is loaded with bombs unexploded. And other odd bits for a fight. He goes on his mission with much ammunition. Assembled according to plan. And a field gun in pieces distinctly increases. The weight of his trunks in the van. A lovely profession, the men in possession. Have got the game wholly in hand. As tourists they got there; as troops they are met there. By more of their sinister band. It is agreed however that this German invasion of Morocco is not wholly military in character. Before the war, France had practically a customs union in which Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco were included, and to them she exported the manufactured goods they needed in return for the foodstuffs and raw materials they produced. What trade there is now, consists of imports into Morocco, from which port they pass on to Germany. This means that huge credits are piling up, but these credits want goods and not paper marks or francs. The economic situation in Morocco and Algeria therefore is steadily growing worse.

France is not in a position to manufacture and export, so German financiers are buying out the French interests and tying these colonies economically to the Reich. This is done quite cheaply for the German mark is given the arbitrary value of twenty francs. The value of the mark in the open market before the war was twenty-three to the pound, so the value of the franc, according to this reckoning, is a little more than a half-penny. France, then, is not only losing military and political control of her colonial empire, but is finding it necessary to hand over her economic interests too.

According to plan. It is becoming more and more clear to the French that Hitler follows his plan as laid down in Mein Kampf. A clever conqueror will always, if possible, impose his demands on the conquered by instalments, for a nation that makes a voluntary surrender says its own character, and with such a people you can calculate that none of these oppressions in detail will supply quite enough reason for it once more to resort to arms. This is precisely the method which Hitler has followed in regard to France. First it is Syria, now it is Dakar, next it will be Morocco and the Algiers.

This is the France that was regarded as essential to Europe. "She was the heart that pumped the blood of civilisation," as Charles Morgan put it.

Here was found proportion and balance, variety as against standardisation. Her culture was universal by acceptance and not by conquest; in fact it was everything to which the German of to-day is opposed. And in place of these splendid ideas France to-day is governed by Darlans, Laval, and Petains. The decline is tragic for France, but it is a calamity for the world.

SYRIA AND IRAQ

Syria at the moment is the key to the German plan for the advance into Iraq, with its oil wells and

Answers to QUIZ

(Questions on Page 11.)
1. Sunday-Christian; Monday-Greek; Tuesday-Persian; Wednesday-Assyrian; Thursday-Egyptian; Friday-Mohammedan; Saturday-Jewish.
2. Yes, 300 times. 3. June, 1940.
4. Actor. 5. Dactylography. 6. Disraeli. 7. (a) Ouida (b) Marie Corelli (c) George Eliot (d) Sax Rohmer (e) Mark Twain. 8. Pamir Plateau-Tibet. 9. Calliper. 10. In 1739, between Spain and England.

rebel forces under Rachid Ali, both of which are an inducement to the German high Command to go there. Mussolini is quite right when he claims that he has rendered Germany a great service both with his army and his navy, first by immobilising our forces in Egypt, and secondly by detaching them for the campaigns in Libya and in Abyssinia in which he sacrificed half a million men and suffered ignominious defeats. At the same time he has prevented that concentration of our forces in Palestine, Greece and in Crete which would have been possible had he kept out of the war.

Mussolini's attack on France was alighted by President Roosevelt as the act of a particularly low type of criminal, but Mussolini had no obligation to France either as an ally or as a friend. The Vichy government's betrayal of her former ally by this surrender of Syria has been adequately described by the Free Frenchmen as a most treasonable and dishonourable act, and that is what the rest of the world thinks of it.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

It would be hard to find anything in the record of Reynaud, who is frequently condemned, so treacherous as the acts of Admiral Darlan, who has been consorting with Germany ever since he took Laval's place. Even in March he was placing Morocco, Tunisia, Dakar and Madagascar at the disposal of the Germans without the approval of Petain. Now it is with his connivance.

The protests of the French ambassador in the United States were expressed in brave words, but if France cannot hold on to Syria, to which she is entitled, how could she hope to retain Martinique? What guarantee has America that she will not sell out Dakar and Martinique as a base against U.S.A. to the Germans, as she has handed over Syria as a base against Britain? The fact is the Vichy government has forfeited any claim it may have had to faith in its good intentions.

It would surely be more honourable to admit either that she cannot hold herself and must give up Syria as she did Indo-China or that she prefers the Germans to the British and is doing these things voluntarily and with a certain amount of pleasure as her policy is to ensure the victory of Germany.

THE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN

The Abyssinian campaign brings to an end an episode in Italian history which would never have had a beginning had the League of Nations not been subordinated by the traitor Laval. That sinister figure and his genius, whose familiar white lie was the only clean thing about him, "vichyated" the political atmosphere of France from 1935 onwards. It was his treachery that made sanctions impossible and the conquest of Abyssinia by the Italians a certainty.

This campaign gives the lie to German and Italian propaganda which said the British were decadent, that the Dominion troops would not come into this war, and that the Indian soldiers would hold back. The people of Italy, on the other hand, were regaled from time to time with speeches by Mussolini from the balcony reminding them of their imperial destiny and of their Roman heritage.

In Abyssinia, Somaliland, Eritrea and Libya, the Roman legions met the decadent British, the half-hearted Indians, and the non-cooperative Dominion troops, and, strangely enough, they lost these provinces and half a million men to our forces in 94 days.

If Mussolini is always right, as his fanatical admirers claim he is, it must be very difficult to reconcile these statements with the proved facts—namely, the loss of Eritrea, of Italian Somaliland and of Abyssinia, and the obvious superiority of the British and Indian troops over the Italian.

Now that the campaign is practically over, the South African Air Force, as well as the mechanised columns, will now be transferred to the other theatre of war in the Near East, for reinforcements are needed in Crete, Palestine, Iraq and Libya.

The campaigns have proved the quality of the Imperial troops, but the problem is one of numbers.

PARACHUTISTS IN CRETE

The landing by parachute and plane in Crete is clearly in the nature of an experiment, carried out with that thoroughness in preparation, and with that complete disregard of life which we are accustomed to look for in the German High Command.

It was obvious that such landings would be attempted and that they would take place before the defences of the island could be organised after the evacuation of Greece, for speed is the most vital factor in this war. As the Germans have not got a surface navy they are trying to demonstrate the value of the air arm as a substitute. In a sense the plane combines the functions of the navy and of army.

Can a sufficient number of troops be transported by plane with artillery, and the usual accoutrements of war, by which a reasonably defended country can be conquered? This is the first real test, for it is not certain how much of the equipment in Libya was transported by ship with the help of the French in Bizerta. This air attack on Crete is certainly on a fairly large scale, and it is reasonable to suppose that these troops can be reinforced each night, for there is nothing to prevent the troop-carrying planes from making several journeys in one night and getting back to their bases for the next night. Communications are not easy in Crete, but this helps the invaders as much as the defenders, since it gives the parachutists an opportunity to form up before they can be attacked.

AIR INVASION PROBLEMS

There is no parallel or practically none in this case with the contemplated invasion of Britain, where there are forty million people, about half of whom are on watch, and where roads are so frequent that a force can be rushed rapidly to any particular point.

The air offers a quick means of invasion, but there is no evidence yet that it is a sure means. The invasion by air must meet with quick success, for men so transported cannot carry much food, ammunition, or artillery. It is a desperate enterprise, and for that reason the soldiers taking part in it must themselves be desperate. They have not the comfort of belonging to a large force nor of being supported by tanks and big guns. They are guerrillas.

The Germans now have the advantage of fighting on their two fronts as against the two fronts that we have, for they can decide to take their air force from Britain and move it to Greece. It is not so easy to move fighters from Britain to Crete, though it is a simple matter to send long-range bombers over that distance. A large British air force has, however, always been based on Egypt, and it is reasonable to suppose that it is adequate.

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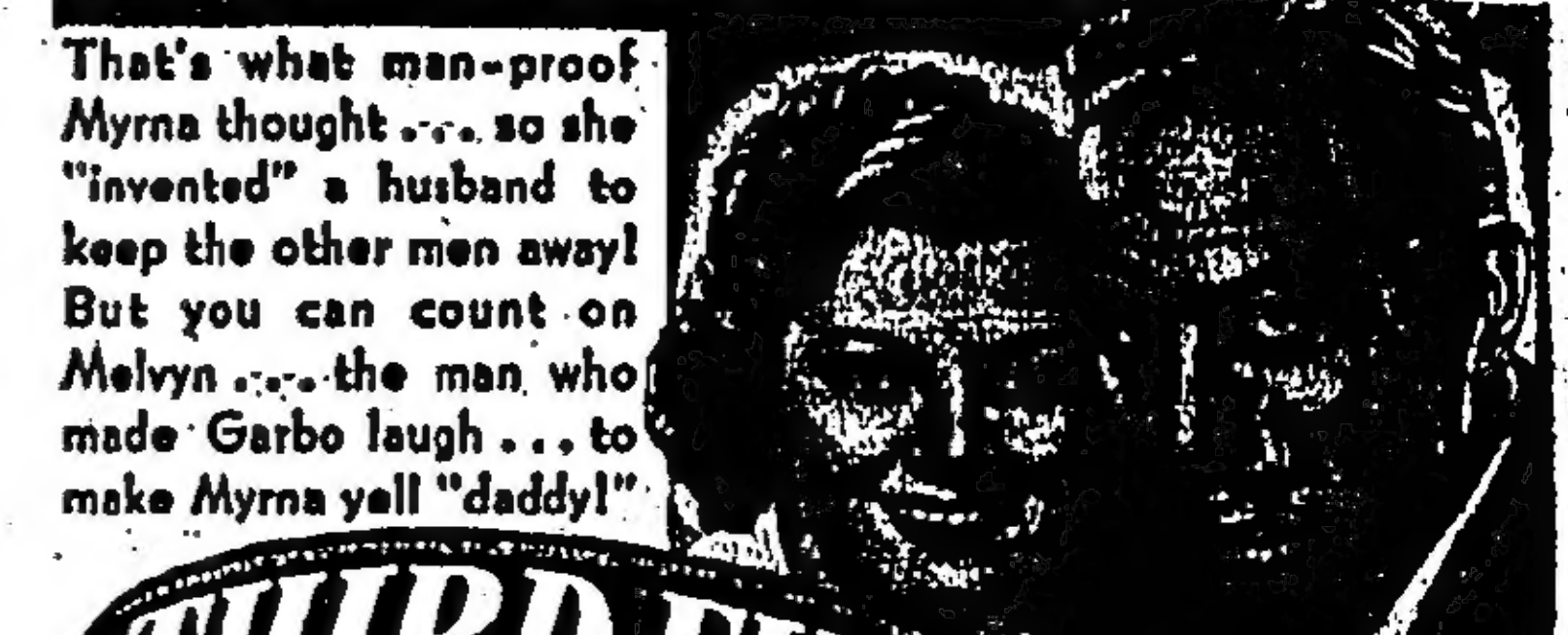
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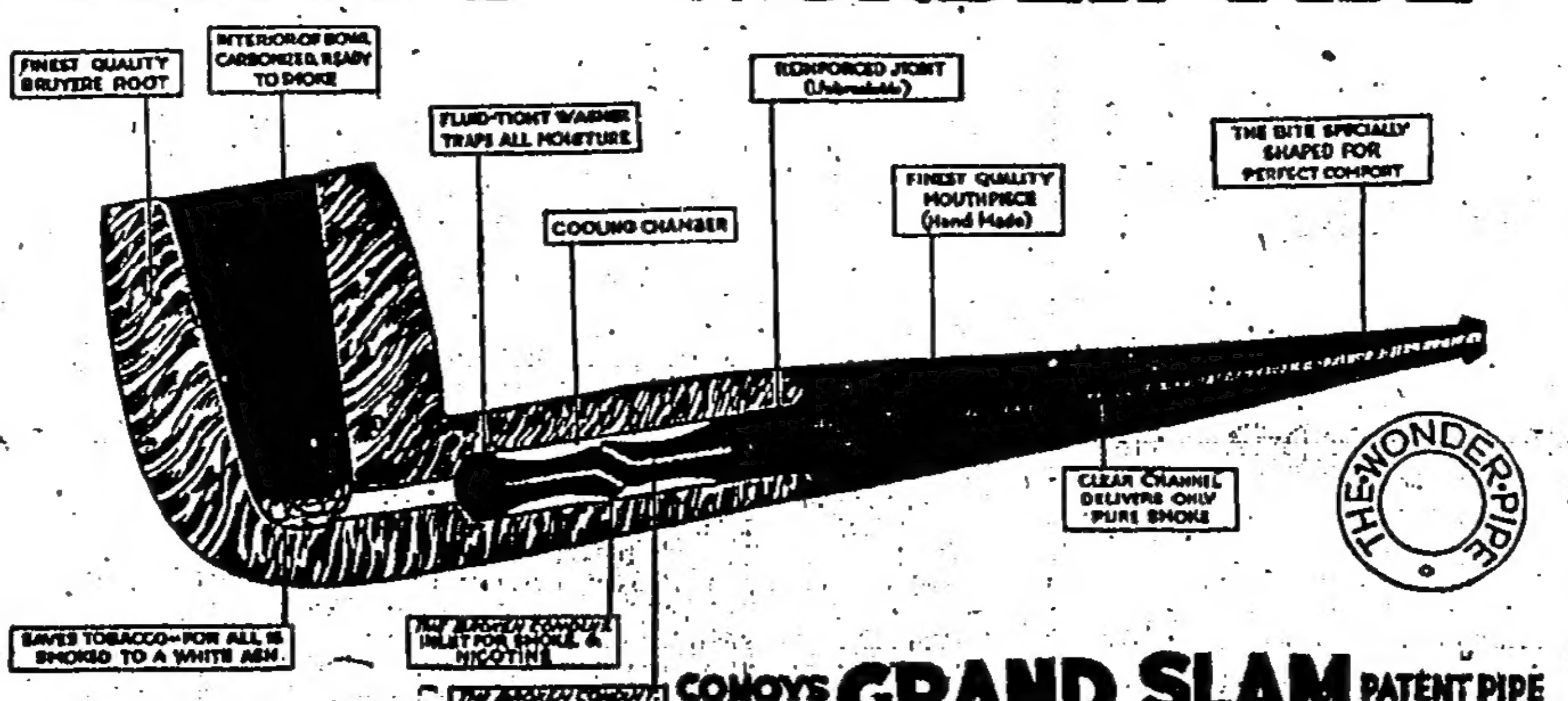
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